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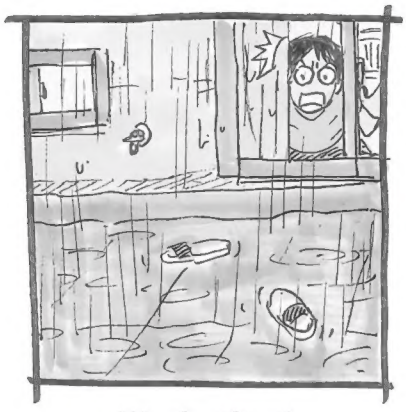

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The other night, during a bad rainstorm, I happened to peer out the window. "Look at all that rain... *What...?!!*" It wasn't just the rain! Rainwater had started accumulating on my veranda, forming a pool of water! The drain had gotten clogged, and it created a scene similar to the one in *Ponyo!* I was afraid for the first time in a while...

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2010

Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.

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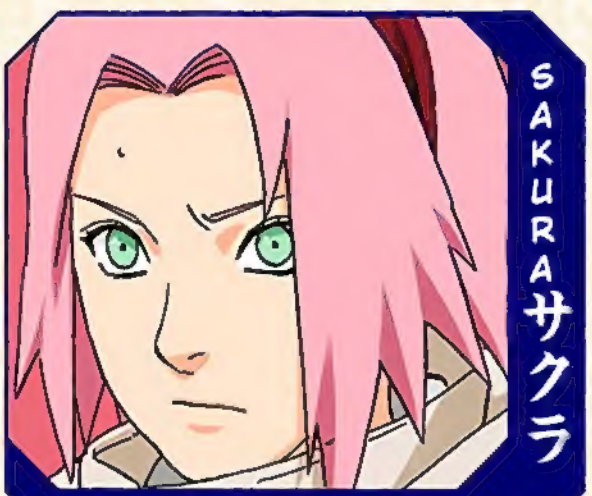

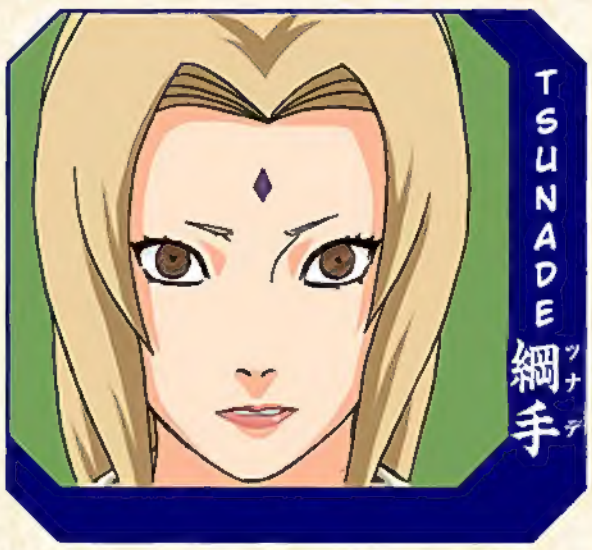

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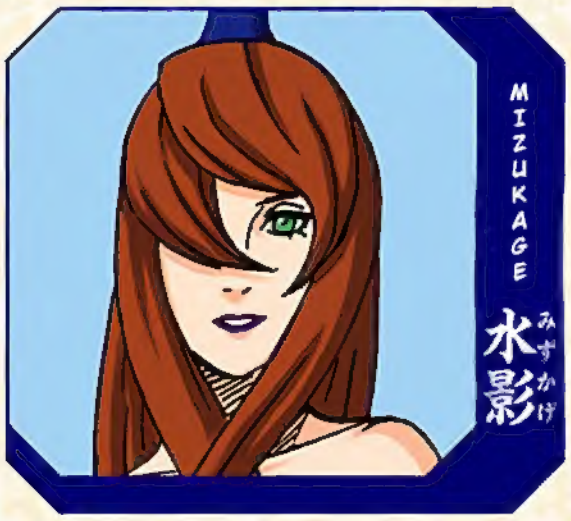

THE STORY SO FAR...

Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the Village of Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. They grow and mature through countless trials and battles. However, Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek Orochimaru and his power...

Two years pass. Naruto grows up and engages in fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki. Elsewhere, after winning the heroic battle against Itachi and learning his older brother's true intentions, Sasuke allies with the Akatsuki and sets out to destroy Konoha.

Upon Madara's declaration of war, an Allied Shinobi Force is formed. Naruto, sent away in the name of protecting the Jinchūriki, succeeds in taking in Nine Tails' chakra. Plus, when his mother reappears to explain the secrets of his birth, Naruto accepts his parents' hopes and renews his vow to become Hokage!

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MA..

IN FACT, I PROBABLY SLEEP TOO MUCH!

AND I SLEEP TONS...

DON'T WORRY, I LOVE BATHING... I GO TO HOT SPRINGS A LOT TOO.

FROM NOW ON... I PROMISE I'LL EAT, VEGGIES, NOT JUST RAMEN...

I WISH YOU COULD HAVE MET THEM, MA...

I'VE GOT LOTS OF FRIENDS, TOO.

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BUT I'M OKAY ABOUT IT, YA KNOW!!

ABOUT MY STUDIES... WELL... YOU FEARED RIGHT, MA...

...THOUGH THERE'S ONE THAT I'M NOT GETTING ALONG WITH RIGHT NOW!

HAHA

AHA

FOR SURE, HE WAS JUST LIKE YOU DESCRIBED, MA!

MASTER JIRAIYA TAUGHT ME THE THREE SHINOBI PROHIBITIONS ...

BACK WHEN I WAS AT THE ACADEMY, LOTS WENT DOWN WITH MY TEACHERS AND MENTORS... BUT NOW! I DO RESPECT THEM.

MY DREAM IS TO BECOME HOKAGE!

...I AM UZUMAKI NARUTO, KONOHA NINJA.

AND TO SURPASS ALL OTHER HOKAGE ...!!

BUT... HE ALSO TAUGHT ME HOW A SHINOBI OUGHT TO LIVE! HE WAS A TRULY GREAT SHINOBI, YA KNOW!!

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TO BECOME AN EVEN COOLER GUY THAN PA!!!

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AND AN EVEN MORE POWERFUL SHINOBI THAN YOU, MA!!!

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!!?

YEAH!!!

WHOA!!

I SEE... I GET IT, I *UNDERSTAND* ♪ YOUR FACE, IT'S CALM, TOTALLY *BLAND* ♪

BUMP

WHAT HAPPENED? DID YOU SUCCEED?!

THIS AND THAT, A LOT OF THINGS...!

YO ♪

...

WELL, GOOD FOR YOU...

...ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU USED *IT* IN *THAT* SITUATION ♪

HEH HEH HEH ...

DID YOU ACHIEVE CONTROL ?

WHAT ABOUT NINE TAILS?

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I SAID, TELL ME WHAT TOOK PLACE!!! "THIS" AND "THAT" DON'T MEAN ANYTHING TO ME!!

GAH!! YOU'RE DOING THIS ON PURPOSE!!! I CAN TELL!!!

わい！ WOO - わい！ HOO!

WHOA, WAIT A SEC! NARUTO, DON'T TELL ME THAT BY *THAT*, YOU MEAN *YOU-KNOW-WHAT*?!!

YUP! *THAT'S* RIGHT!

WHAT?!! NARUTO'S UNDERGOING SUCH STRENUOUS TRAINING?!!

THIS MAN CAN BE... A BIT OVER THE TOP... SORRY...

IT'S ALL RIGHT...

TAKE ME TO NARUTO !!

I CANNOT IGNORE A YOUNG MAN STRUGGLING SO DURING THE SPRING-TIME OF HIS YOUTH!!

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SO THAT I'M NOT USING IT ALL THE TIME...

I'VE STORED NINE TAILS' CHAKRA IN A DIFFERENT PLACE WITHIN ME.

FSH

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ZWOP

BZP

BZP

BZP

THIS IS HOW IT IS WHEN I TAP IT!!

IT'S EVEN AFFECTING MY MOKUTON...

WOW... IT'S SO FULL OF LIFE ENERGY...

WHOA !!

ZWOOOOOO

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AND YOU REALLY THINK YOU'RE HIDDEN?

HUH ?!

!!

WHAT IS IT?!

?

YEAH, HE SENSES ANOTHER'S *PRESENCE* ♪

THAT I DIDN'T WAS CARE-LESS OF ME, I MUST DO *PENANCE* ♪

WIP WIP

YOU'RE SENSING SOME OTHER CHAKRA?

COMING FROM THERE! IT'S YOUR BLADE...

IT'S SOMETHING ELSE. SOMETHING BAD!!

IT'S NOT CHAKRA!

MY CHAKRA HAS THE SAME FLAVOR AS SAMEHADA...

IT OUGHTN'T BE DETECT-ABLE...!

IMPOS-SIBLE!!

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ZWOOOO

ズズズ

SHOO

YOUR BLADE ...?!

!!

!

IT APPEARS YOU CAN SENSE HATE... AND OTHER NEGATIVE EMOTIONS.

RRK

THAT DOESN'T FIT ANY KNOWN SENSORY TYPE...

SO IT MUST BE A POWER OF A JINCHŪRIKI WHO HAS ACHIEVED CONTROL OVER NINE TAILS...

RRK

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FWOO

YOU KILLED MY DOPPEL-GANGER...

I SWITCHED OUT WHILE WE BATTLED INSIDE THE BUBBLE OF WATER...

BUT HOW? WE CHOPPED HIS HEAD OFF A-WAYS BACK ♪

HOW DID YOU EVADE ME AND MY BROTHER'S TAG TEAM *ATTACK?!* ♪

YOU'RE... AKATSUKI, THE SHARK GUY!!

WELL... WE'LL LEAVE IT AT THAT, FOR NOW...

THAT WAS A SPECIAL TYPE OF DOPPELGANGER... A PARASITIC DOPPELGANGER THAT CAN BE REMOTELY OPERATED BY THE CASTER...

THE CORPSE REMAINED POST-MORTEM, NO QUESTION ♪

AND IF SOMEONE ELSE HAD TRANSFORMED INTO YOU, CEE WOULD HAVE SENSED IT, SO STILL A PERPLEXING CONSTER-NATION ♪

BUT A DOPPEL-GANGER DISAPPEARS WHEN YOU KILL IT.

I CAME HERE AS A SPY, YOU KNOW...

SILLY QUES-TION...

SHOTTEK

SHOTTEK

G-G-G-G-G

HOW DID YOU KNOW HOW TO OPEN THE DOOR TO THIS ROOM?!

HUH?!

HOWEVER, THIS SITUATION, TO BE FACING TWO JINCHURIKI AND A MOKUTON USER...

...IS HONESTLY VERY TOUGH, EVEN FOR ME.

KLIK

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BAM

!!?

ARGH!!

EEN

SHK

...THE YELLOW *FLASH!* ♪

WAS THAT TELEPORTA-TION JUTSU...? FIRST AT BAT, QUITE A *SMASH* ♪

HUH?

THAT WAS JUST LIKE ...

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SKITTER

SKITTER

!

SO FAST... UNBELIEV-ABLE...

UGH!

WHOOOSH

MISTER BEE, PLEASE GO AFTER KISAME!

LOOKS LIKE HE DOESN'T HAVE THE FOURTH LORD'S SKILLS JUST YET!

I'LL HELP NARUTO!

WAH! MY LEG!

I HIT THE WALL TOO HARD. I'M STUCK!

DNK...

!!?

SKITTER SKITTER

CATCH HIM RIGHT AWAY, SHALL BEE ♪

LEAVE THE CHASE TO ME ♪

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YES... AND NARUTO ALSO FACED AND DEFEATED HIS TRUE SELF HERE.

HO... REALLY...?

WHY DON'T YOU TRY, GUY?

I CAME HERE AS HIS MENTOR, TO PROTECT HIM!!

FOOL! HELPING NARUTO IS MORE IMPORTANT!

Y-YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET SO MAD...

NO WAY!!!

TMP

AHA HA HA...!! WHAT?! YOU THINK I'M SCARED?!!

..OR ARE YOU JUST AFRAID TO FACE YOUR TRUE SELF...?

...

FSH

YOU'RE SO SERIOUS...

OH NO... I WAS JUST JOKING... ALTHOUGH I HAVE A FEELING YOUR TRUE NATURE ISN'T HUMAN... *AHA HA HA.*

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THD— THD— THD

IF A MAN PAST HIS PRIME LIKE YOU OVER-DOES IT, HIS BODY WILL FAIL.

HONESTLY... YOU REALLY OUGHTN'T BE HARPING ABOUT THE SPRINGTIME OF YOUTH, SHOULD YOU...?

!

THD— THD— THD—

...BUT I DON'T THINK ANYONE REALLY WANTS YOUR FORCED SPRINGTIME YOUTH, NO?

I CAN UNDER-STAND LEE NEEDING TO FORGE AHEAD WITH YOUTHFUL VIGOR...

THD—

KNOW THY TRUE SELF...

VERY WELL THEN...

INSTEAD OF JUST SAYING WHAT YOU WANT FROM THE SHADOWS!!

SHOW YOUR-SELF!!

WUP

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SPLASH

I SHALL REMIND MYSELF AGAIN BY REFORMING YOUR SPIRIT WITH MY FISTS!!

I HAVE FORGOTTEN WHAT SPRINGTIME IS!

FSH...

...ISN'T THAT... THAT ODD BEAST?!

AN INSECT ?!!

TH-THIS IS MY TRUE SHAPE ...??!!

WATCH OUT!

MISTER GUY! THAT IS NOT YOUR TRUE SELF!!

SWOOO

!!

WHAT ?!

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木ノ葉岩升!!

KONOHA KAIGANSHO! KONOHA ROCK-CRUSHING SQUARE!!

WH

ARGH!!

AK

WHAT?

SPLISH

HUH?

WHRL

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THE MOMENT YOU OPEN YOUR EYES, YOU LEAVE THE WATERFALL OF TRUTH!

LOOK CLOSELY!! COULD THAT BE YOU?!

THD- THD- THD- THD- THD

THAT'S NOT MY TRUE SELF...?

506: GUY VS. KISAME!!

KLINK ガラ…

KLINK ガラ…

ナンバー 506：ガイ VS 鬼鮫（バーサス キサメ）!!

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UGH...

H-HEY... ISN'T THAT...?

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... A PUFFER FISH?!!

ARE YOU ALL DELIBER-ATELY PLAYING IDIOTS?!!

BUT IS THAT REALLY A PUFFER FISH? THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE TASTY RIGHT?!

YOU SURE DO HAVE A BUNCH OF RARE CREATURES LIVING HERE, DON'T YOU?

...

...

IF HE GETS AWAY, THEY'LL HAVE INTEL ON US, HOW SHAMEFUL, OH ME OH *MY*!

HE'S AN AKATSUKI *SPY*!

I SEE THAT YOU ARE STILL DUMBER THAN A BEAST...

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GRR, SAMEHADA ...

!!

SWEEN

SPLASH

I BELIEVE HE'S THE SHARK MAN THAT WAS PAIRED WITH ITACHI... ALTOUGH HE APPEARS TO BE QUITE DEBILITATED...

! BUT HOW DID HE MANAGE TO ENTER THIS PLACE?!

ZOT

!!

CHAK

SLOSH

SKREE ...

I SEE, I SEE... UH-HUH, HE FORCED YOU...?

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TAK

I KNOW!!

HE ESCAPED INTO THE WATER! HE'S A SUITON USER...

TAK

HA HA HA... HEY NOW! YOUR AFFECTION IS A BIT ROUGH ♪

BUT WHAT CAN I SAY, I'M SO POPULAR, LIFE'S TOUGH ♪

!

NAK

NAK

WHY IS IT THAT THE STRONGER THEY ARE, THE DENSER?!

?!

WATCH OUT, BEE!! HE'S STEALING YOUR CHAKRA!!

SPLOSH SPLOSH SPLOSH

ZWOOOOO

DNK

?!!

WHEE...

SPLUSH

SHOOF

SPLOOSH

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SlySH

OKAY!!

THK

THK

GUY! PLEASE BACK ME UP... I'M GOING TO TAKE INTEL FROM HIM INSTEAD!!

HIJUTSU ISHIBARI! SECRET JUTSU, STONE NEEDLES!!

!!

!

...PERFECT...

A NINJUTSU WHERE THE CASTER SENDS IN HIS CHAKRA TO PARALYZE THE TARGET, EH...

UGH...

HE'S DRAINING MY CHAKRA ...?!

SO MUCH PULL!

DNK ガクッ

THKW

木ノ葉旋風!!

KONOHA HURRICANE!!

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ZWOP

WATER STYLE! SHARK BOMB!!

UGH!

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SPLAT

SPLASH

THD

VWEEN

GAH, HE'S GETTING AWAY!

WHP

!!

?!

HE'S FAST!!

IF HE GETS OUTSIDE OF THE BARRIER AROUND THIS ISLAND, IT'S ALL OVER!

WE'VE GOT TO BRING HIM DOWN BEFORE THAT OR EVEN I WON'T BE ABLE TO SENSE HIM!

SWOOOOOOOOO

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VIVOOSH

EIGHT INNER GATES! SIXTH GATE OF JOY... OPEN!!!

I'LL STOP HIM!!

ZWOO...

NOBLE BEAST, GRAB ONTO MY ARM, THEN ♪

I'LL TOSS YA IN THE CLOCK DIRECTION OF TEN ♪

?!

HNUH?

UNH?!

ZING

SHOOM

OKAY!!

TMP

HE WENT TOWARD *TWO* O'CLOCK!

ZWOP!

DON'T SACRIFICE THE TRUTH FOR A RHYME, BEE!

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SHOOM

WHEE

...BUT MAYBE WE CAN STILL STOP HIM!

TOO MUCH CHAKRA HAS BEEN STOLEN FROM YOU!!

...NARUTO AND YAMATO ARE BEHIND THIS WATERFALL, RIGHT?!

SKREE ...

BEE, YOU ALL RIGHT?!

I'M *OKAY*

I'LL BOUNCE BACK RIGHT AWAY...

...

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YOU *MUST* BE MORE CAREFUL WITH POWER CONTROL!

I TWISTED MY ANDLE, YA KNOW...

OWW...

BOOF

KUCHIYOSE SUMMON-iNG!!

ALL RIGHT... LET'S GO!

SHUP

I'M GOING TO BORROW YOUR BACK!!

SKRUNCH

IAK

I WAS GOING TO SAY LONG TIME NO SEE, BUT MIDAIR?!

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WAAAH...!

ZWSH

KRAK

KRAK

KRAK

WHOA!!

VOOM

KUCHIYOSE SUMMONING!!

BOOF

KLUNK

KLUNK

WAH!

?!

CHOMP

CHOMP

!

SSH

ZWOO...

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GULP

SPLASH

CAN YOU PREVENT IT? I'VE GOT THE ADVANTAGE OF TOPO-GRAPHY...

I WON'T LET ANYONE HAVE IT!!

THAT SCROLL CONTAINS INTEL, EH!

YOU'RE SO PERSIS-TENT!

FWP

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FWP

!

THD-THD-THD-THD-THD

WATER STYLE! 1,000 HUNGRY SHARKS !!

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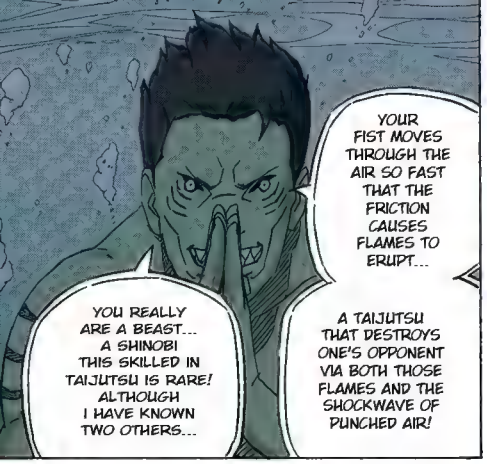
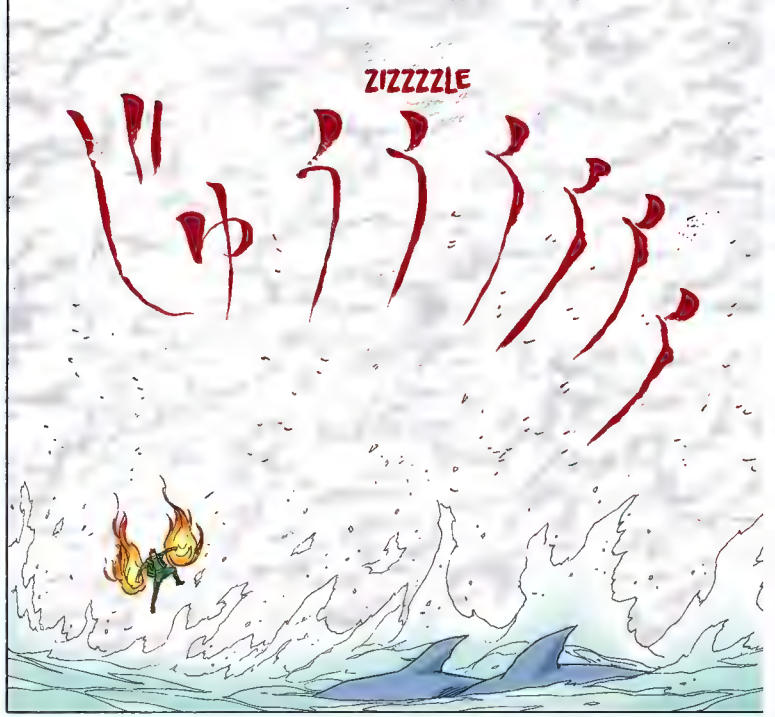
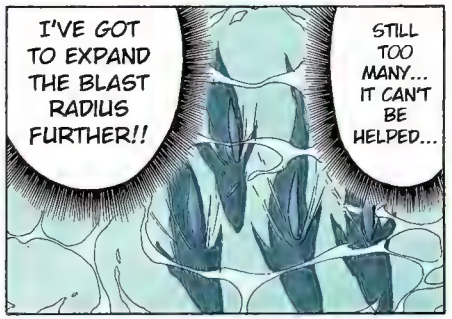
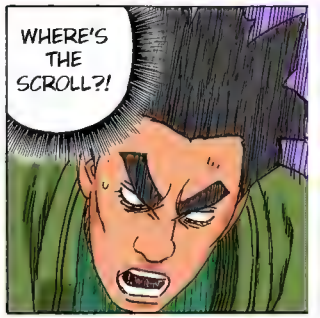
ASAKUJAKU!!
THD-THD-THD-THD
THD-THD-THD-THD
I CAN'T TELL WHICH SHARK IT IS ANYMORE!!
YOOSH
IN WHICH CASE...!!
SPLISH


YOUR FIST MOVES THROUGH THE AIR SO FAST THAT THE FRICTION CAUSES FLAMES TO ERUPT...
A TAIJUTSU THAT DESTROYS ONE'S OPPONENT VIA BOTH THOSE FLAMES AND THE SHOCKWAVE OF PUNCHED AIR!
YOU REALLY ARE A BEAST... A SHINOBI THIS SKILLED IN TAIJUTSU IS RARE! ALTHOUGH I HAVE KNOWN TWO OTHERS...

PERHAPS I AM A BEAST... A BLUE BEAST!
THIS NEXT TAIJUTSU IS A SPECIAL SINGLE-BLOW ATTACK THAT EVEN MY LAST MOVE DOESN'T COME CLOSE TO!!
HARDLY ANYONE HAS EVER SEEN IT...







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WATER STYLE! SUPER SHARK BOMB !!!

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WAP

HIRUDORA!!

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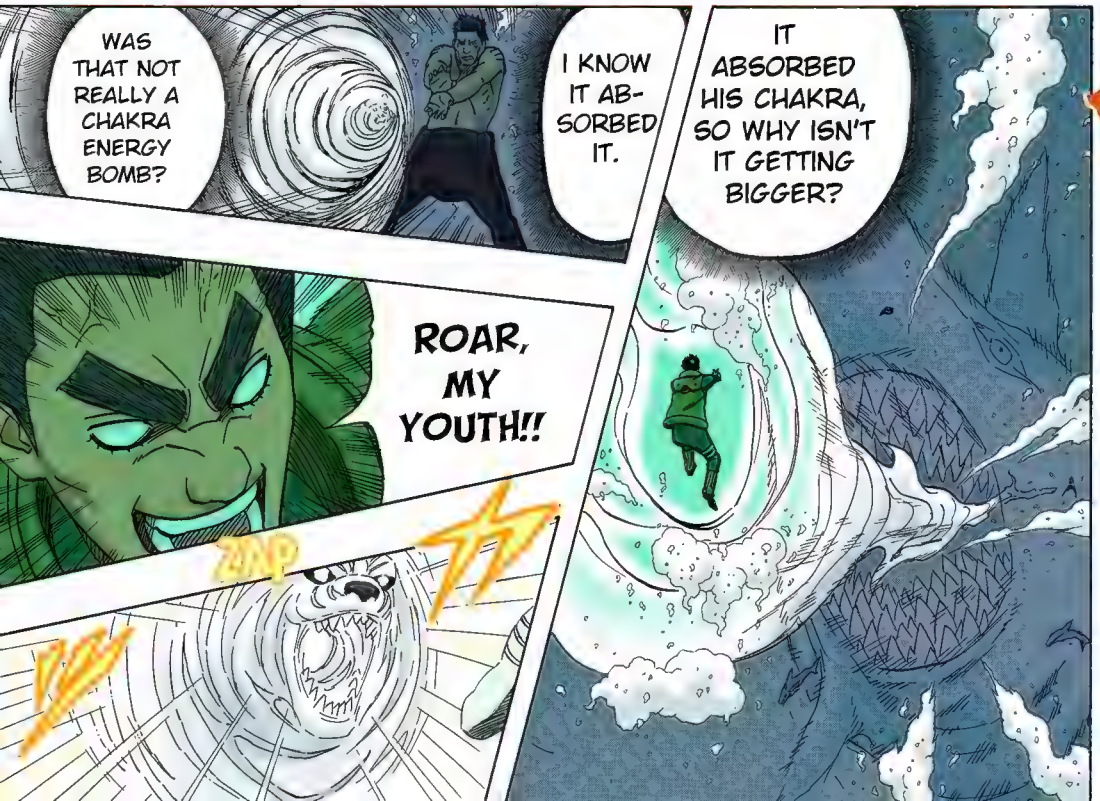
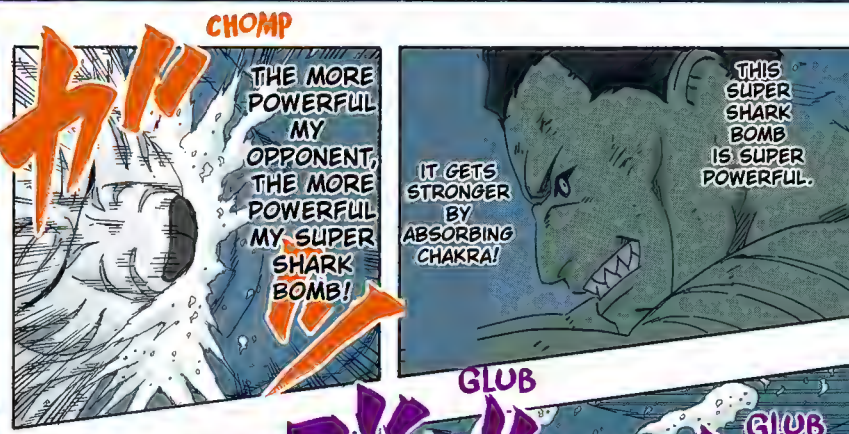
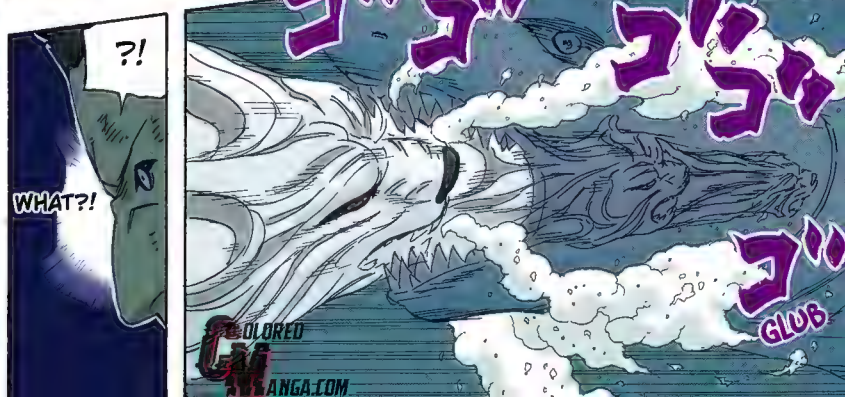

WAS THAT NOT REALLY A CHAKRA ENERGY BOMB?
I KNOW IT ABSORBED IT.
IT ABSORBED HIS CHAKRA, SO WHY ISN'T IT GETTING BIGGER?
ROAR, MY YOUTH!!
ZAP


CHOMP
THE MORE POWERFUL MY OPPONENT, THE MORE POWERFUL MY SUPER SHARK BOMB!
IT GETS STRONGER BY ABSORBING CHAKRA!
THIS SUPER SHARK BOMB IS SUPER POWERFUL.



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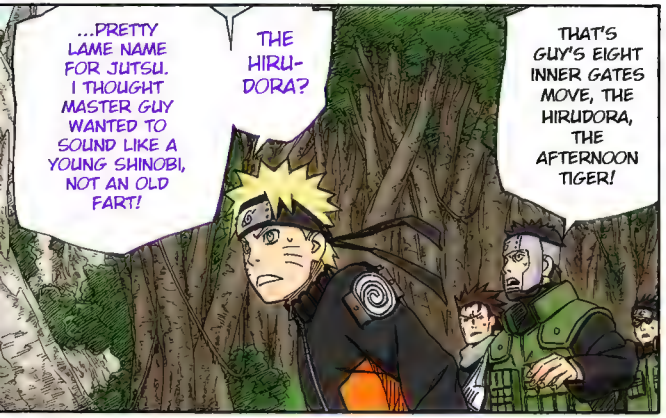
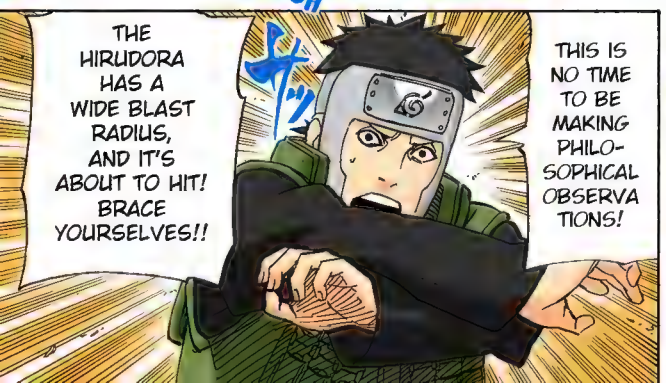
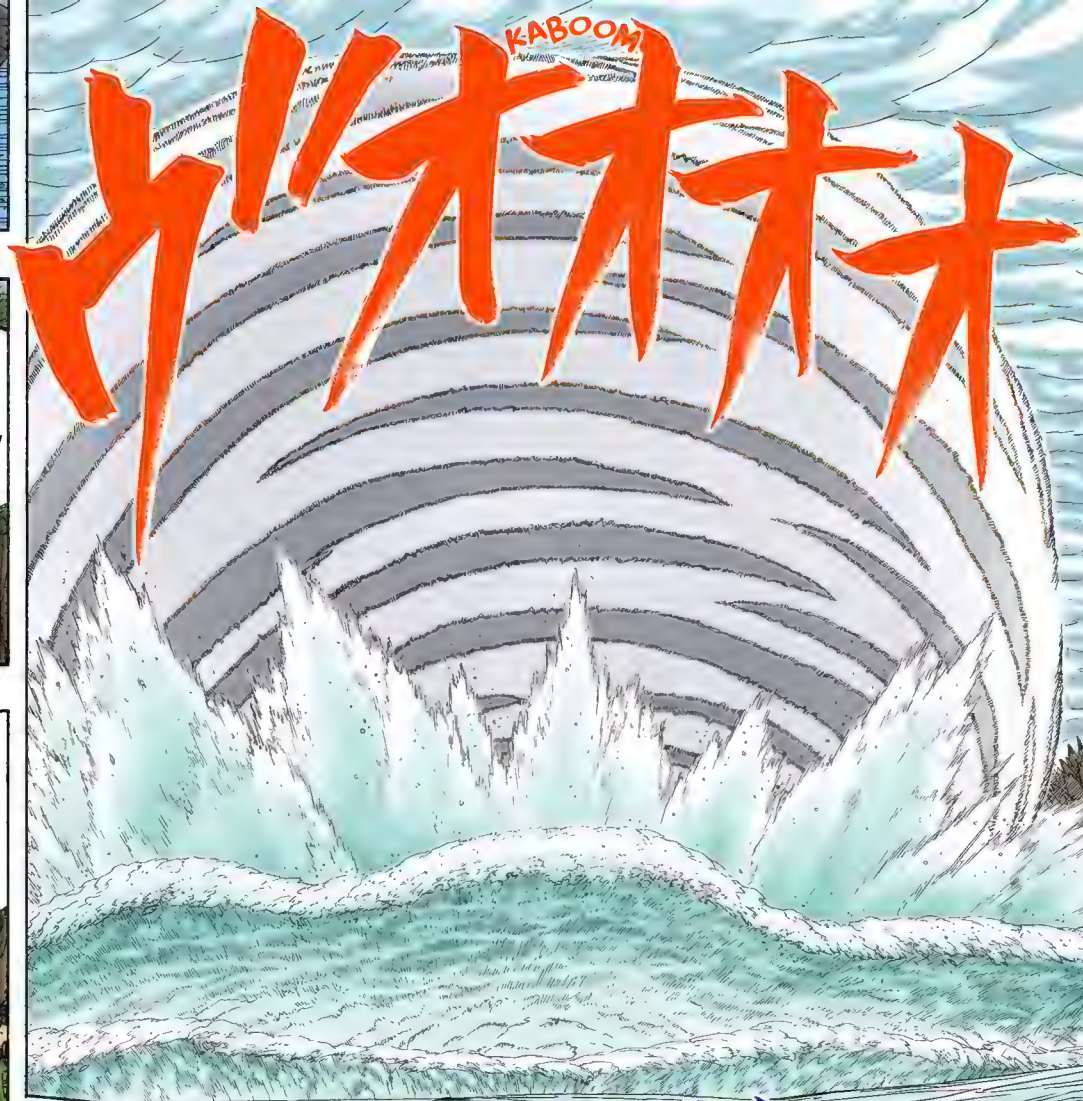
SCREEECH


...PRETTY LAME NAME FOR JUTSU. I THOUGHT MASTER GUY WANTED TO SOUND LIKE A YOUNG SHINOBI, NOT AN OLD FART!
THE HIRU-DORA?
THAT'S GUY'S EIGHT INNER GATES MOVE, THE HIRUDORA, THE AFTERNOON TIGER!

FSH


THE HIRUDORA HAS A WIDE BLAST RADIUS, AND IT'S ABOUT TO HIT! BRACE YOURSELVES!!
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE MAKING PHILO-SOPHICAL OBSERVA TIONS!

KABOOM



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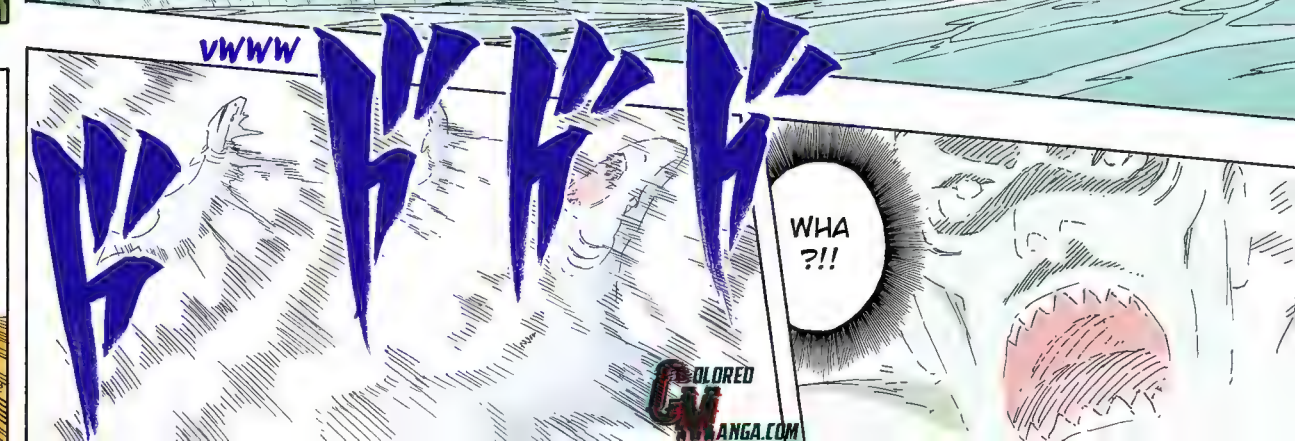

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ROOOOOOAR

WHOA!

SWOOOOO

THE AURA JUST COMES FROM MY EXERTION.

AND THIS AURA SURROUND-ING ME ISN'T CHAKRA...

THOSE WHO OPEN THE SEVENTH GATE OF SHOCK PERSPIRE BLUE SWEAT!

IT'S JUST A PLAIN OLD SUPER PUNCH.

A FOCUSED BLAST OF PRESSUR-IZED AIR AIMED AT YOUR OPPONENT.

AFTER INITIAL COMPRESSION, IT QUICKLY SPREADS OUTWARD.

THE HIRUDORA IS A TAIJUTSU, NOT A NINJUTSU THAT USES CHAKRA!

WELL... THOUGHT YOU SEEM NOT TO REMEMBER ME, YET AGAIN...

THIS IS OUR THIRD CLASH...

...I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU STILL HAD SUCH A MOVE UP YOUR SLEEVE...

NO WONDER WHAT I THOUGHT WAS AN ENERGY BOMB SEEMED TO SHRINK BUT WASN'T NULLIFIED

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GAH!!

I TOLD YOU NOT TO MOVE!

BAM

L7

IF THIS GOES WELL, WE'LL HAVE THE AKATSUKI'S PLANS AND OTHER INFORMATION... EVEN THEIR LEADER'S IDENTITY.

FSH

I'M NOT AS ADEPT AS MISTER INOICHI, BUT I'M GOING IN FOR THE INTEL!

YEAH! MASTER UBER-BROWS! WOW, YOU REALLY TOOK HIM DOWN!

YOU'RE CAPABLE DESPITE YOUR LOOKS, UBER-BROWS
♪
BUT THAT BLUE SWEAT OF YOURS GOT QUITE A STENCH, IT PACKS SOME POWS
♪

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SSH

WELL THEN...

DNK

HERE I GO!

FSH

NOW BEGINS THE HARD WORK!

ZWP

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!

MASTER HOSHIGAKI.

SHF

DO NOT BE SOCIABLE.

WON'T YOU EAT WITH US?

!

THK

BUT WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF THE SAME MISSION... IT SHOULDN'T MATTER!

BESIDES, I BET THERE'S NOTHING WE COULD TALK ABOUT, BETWEEN US INTEL-LECTUALS AND OUR BODY-GUARD MUSCLE.

SAID HE DOESN'T GET ALONG WITH US CIPHER CORPS EGGHEADS!

HEY, I TOLD YOU TO LEAVE HIM BE! HE WANTS IT THAT WAY.

YOUR MISSION IS TO DEFEND OUR CODE, NO MATTER WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO.

LISTEN UP, KISAME... PROTECT THEM, AND PROTECT THE ENCODED MISSIVE... MOST IMPORTANTLY... YOU MUST NOT LET ANY OF THE CIPHER CORPS FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS!

BOM

!!

SUR-RENDER!

WE'VE GOT YOU COMPLETELY SURROUNDED ... YOU HAVE NO CHANCE OF WINNING...

DO YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT I MEAN?

NO MATTER WHAT THE MISSION...

DON'T WORRY, I SHALL NOT HAND OVER ANY OF THE CIPHER CORPS SHINOBI ALIVE...

I... KNOW YOU.

YOU'RE KONOHA'S BLACK OPS TORTURE AND INTERRO-GATION CORPS...! WANT TO FIGHT?!

UGH!

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WHY KILL YOUR COM-RADES?

I CANNOT AFFORD TO LET YOU, THE ENEMY, HAVE OUR CODE. THESE SHINOBI TALK TOO EASILY.

THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THE INTEL IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN LIVES. YOU KNOW THAT.

FOR *COMPANION-KILLING* IS MY SPECIALTY... MY PERSONAL MISSION.

WHY... Y...?

I POSTULATED THAT HE MIGHT GET CARELESS AROUND YOU, HIS SUBORDINATE... AND I WAS RIGHT.

SHUP

GOOD WORK, KISAME...

FROM TIS MOMENT ON, YOU ARE THE OWNER OF THE GREAT BLADE SAMEHADA...

..AND MY SUBORDINATE AS WELL.

HE WAS COLLUD-ING WITH THE ENEMY...

YOU KNOW THAT THIS WORLD IS A SHAM.

I CAN TRUST YOU BECAUSE OF WHO YOU ARE.

BECAUSE YOU HAVE COMPLETED DIRTY MISSIONS AND FOLLOWED THROUGH ON TRAITOROUS ASSIGNMENTS FOR YOUR NATION AND VILLAGE...

UNTIL YOU ERASE ME TOO... LORD FOURTH MIZUKAGE.

I FELT I WAS TRAPPED IN A FALSE EXISTENCE.

WHAT IS MY PURPOSE? MY STATUS?

AM I AN ENEMY OR AN ALLY?

WHERE AM I TRYING TO GET, AND WHERE CAN I GO TO ACHIEVE INNER PEACE...?!

KILLED A MIST NINJA DESPITE BEING ONE MYSELF...

...I KNEW IT THE MOMENT I FIRST KILLED A COMRADE...

SO WHAT AM I?

...!

SHUP

ALLOW ME TO FREE YOU FROM THE PAIN OF THOSE FALSE-HOODS.

I WILL CREATE A PLACE WHERE YOU BELONG.

WE'LL START WITH THIS NATION.

YOU HAVE TOILED TO DEAL WITH AND DISPOSE OF YOUR COMRADES UP UNTIL NOW...

NOW JOIN ME AND BECOME MY COMRADE.

KLAK

WHO ARE YOU?

...

THAT EYE... GLEAMING IN THE DARK...

SWOO

...

...BUT I STILL DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE...

YOU SEEM TO TRUST ME...

THIS WORLD REALLY *IS* FULL OF LIES...

I CAN'T BELIEVE THE FOURTH WAS MANUPULATED BY THE SHARINGAN...

...I SEE...

SO THE PERSON I THOUGHT WAS THE FOURTH MIZUKAGE WAS ACTUALLY YOU...?

...!!

UCHIHA... MADARA.

WHO *ARE* YOU...?

OCULAR POWERS GREAT ENOUGH TO CONTROL THE MIZUKAGE, JINCHORIKI OF THREE TAILS...

GRRR

SJUP

VERY WELL... YOU DECIDE WHETHER YOU WILL TRUST ME OR NOT.

SHUP

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I DO NOT BELIEVE YOU...

HE'S DEAD...

SHOW YOUR-SELF...

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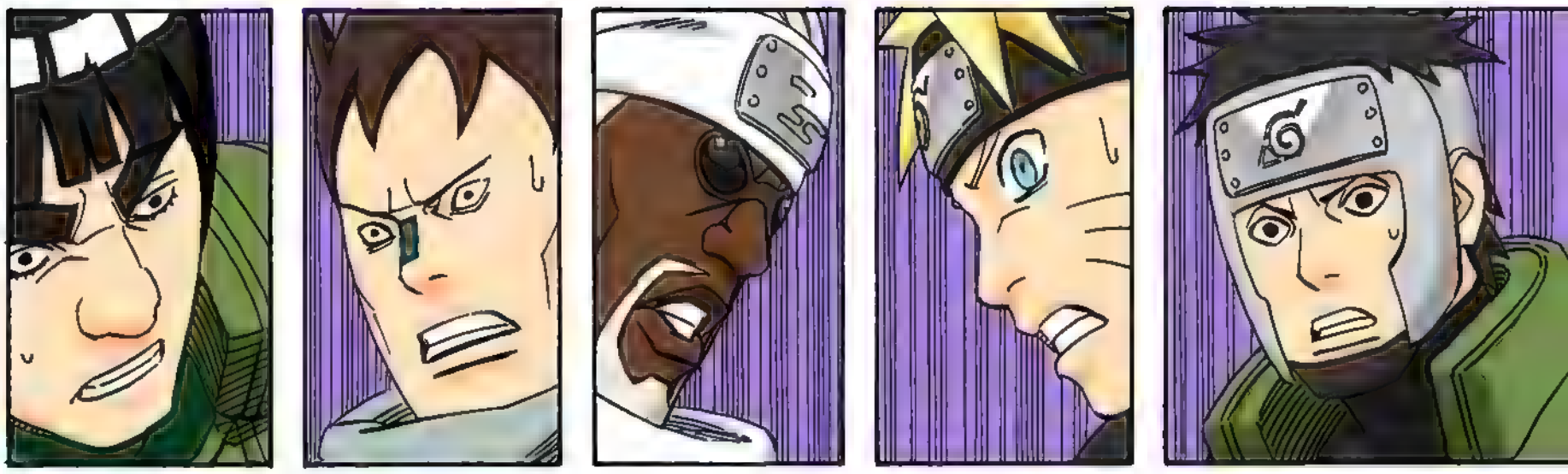
WHIP

CHOMP

SPUR

GAAAR !!!



IT ARE YOU... SERI-OUS...か...?

GWA-HA HA HA HA!!

HE WILLED HIMSELF AWAKE IN ORDER TO PREVENT ME FROM EXTRACTING INTEL!!

HE... BIT HIS OWN TONGUE!

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KRIK

A TRUE WORLD FREE OF LIES.

YEAH... THAT IS MY GOAL... PROJECT TSUKI NO ME.

HEH

KRAK-KRAK

KRAK-KRAK

I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE GONE THERE...

RAAAWR !!!

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RAAWR !!

!!

THUD

ガラ…

THUNK

WE NEED HIS INTEL!

PLEASE RECAPTURE HIM ALIVE! IT'S OUR LAST CHANCE!

FSH

SORE LOSER !!

...HE STILL HAS THIS MUCH STRENGTH LEFT?!

BUT I WAS SUPRESS-ING HIS CHAKRA WITH MY MOKUTON!

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SHOOOOO

WATER PRISON JUTSU!!

TAK

KLAP

NO

KRIK

I KNOW !!

ZWUP

FWOOSH

BLURB

BLURB

BLURB

I CAN'T REACH HIM THROUGH THIS WATER WALL...!!

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KUCHIYOSE SUMMONING!!

ZWOOBOM

口寄せの術!!

!!

SWSH

I'LL GRAB HIM!!

DON'T PANIC. HE STILL CAN'T DO ANYTHING.

THAT'S THE WATER PRISON JUTSU!

FSH

ZWOO

!!!

HAK HAK

UNNNK...

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...

WE ARE PARTNERS FROM THIS DAY ON.

YOU ARE CORRECT, ITACHI-SAN...

...

I HAVE HEARD RUMORS... YOU KILLED ALL YOUR FELLOW UCHIHA CLANSMEN...

AND YOU ARE UCHIHA ITACHI, FORMERLY OF KONOHA-GAKURE.

I AM HOSHIGAKI KISAME, FORMERLY OF KIRIGAKURE. I AM ONE OF THE SEVEN NINJA SWORDSMEN. PLEASED TO MEET YOU.

IT'S WHY I WANTED TO BE TEAMED WITH YOU IN THE AKATSUKI.

I THINK WE ARE ALIKE...

...

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...ITACHI-SAN?

MURDERING YOUR OWN CLAN IS QUITE A FEELING, EH?

...

YOU TALK A LOT.

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ME. YOU DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND YOURSELF.

YOU'RE JUST A THUG. YOU GOT LOST IN THE MIST, ENDED UP HERE. YOU CAN'T EVEN CONTROL WHERE YOU'RE GOING.

...AM I WRONG?

KLAK...

カチャッ..

I THINK IT'S TIME FOR ME TO TEACH YOU SOME-THING.

...

...BUT WITH SOME SHARKS, THE NUMBER OF EGGS THAT HATCH DIFFERS FROM THE NUMBER OF FRY THAT EMERGE FROM THEIR MOTHER'S BELLY.

DO YOU KNOW WHY?

MOST SHARKS ARE OVOVIVIPAROUS... THAT MEANS THEIR EGGS DEVELOP AND HATCH WITHIN THE FEMALE'S ABDOMEN BEFORE THE YOUNG ARE EXPELLED OUTSIDE...

FROM THE MOMENT THEY HATCH, THEY START EATING EACH OTHER INSIDE THEIR MOTHER'S UTERUS.

CANNIBALISM...

...OF ME...

BE WARY...

STARTING TODAY, YOU TOO ARE AN AKATSUKI MEMBER, AND MY COMPANION.

...ALL THE OTHERS ARE JUST FOOD TO BE EATEN...

THE INTERNECINE WARFARE BEGINS AS SOON AS THEY'RE BORN.

ZING

HEH HEH...

YOU BE WARY...

SIWOO

AND HOPE THAT WE EACH WILL NOT BE THE OTHER'S FINAL OPPONENT.

FOR NOW, LET'S BE FRIENDS AND HAVE SOME FUN, EH?

KLAK

NO...

...WE ARE HUMAN, NOT FISH.

SO PREPARE YOUR-SELF.

FSH

ANYONE WHO HAS EVER RAISED THEIR HAND AGAINST THEIR OWN BRETHREN, EVEN ONCE, NEVER DIES A DECENT DEATH.

HEH HEH... WHICH MEANS YOU AND I...

...ARE BOTH DEPRAVED.

DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S WHAT DEATH IS ABOUT?

ONE REALIZES ONE'S TRUE NATURE AT THE MOMENT OF DEATH.

WHP

...YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT KIND OF HUMAN YOU ARE UNTIL THE VERY END.

NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE...

KRAK-KRAK...

VWEEN

...IT SEEMS THAT I WAS...

ITACHI-SAN...

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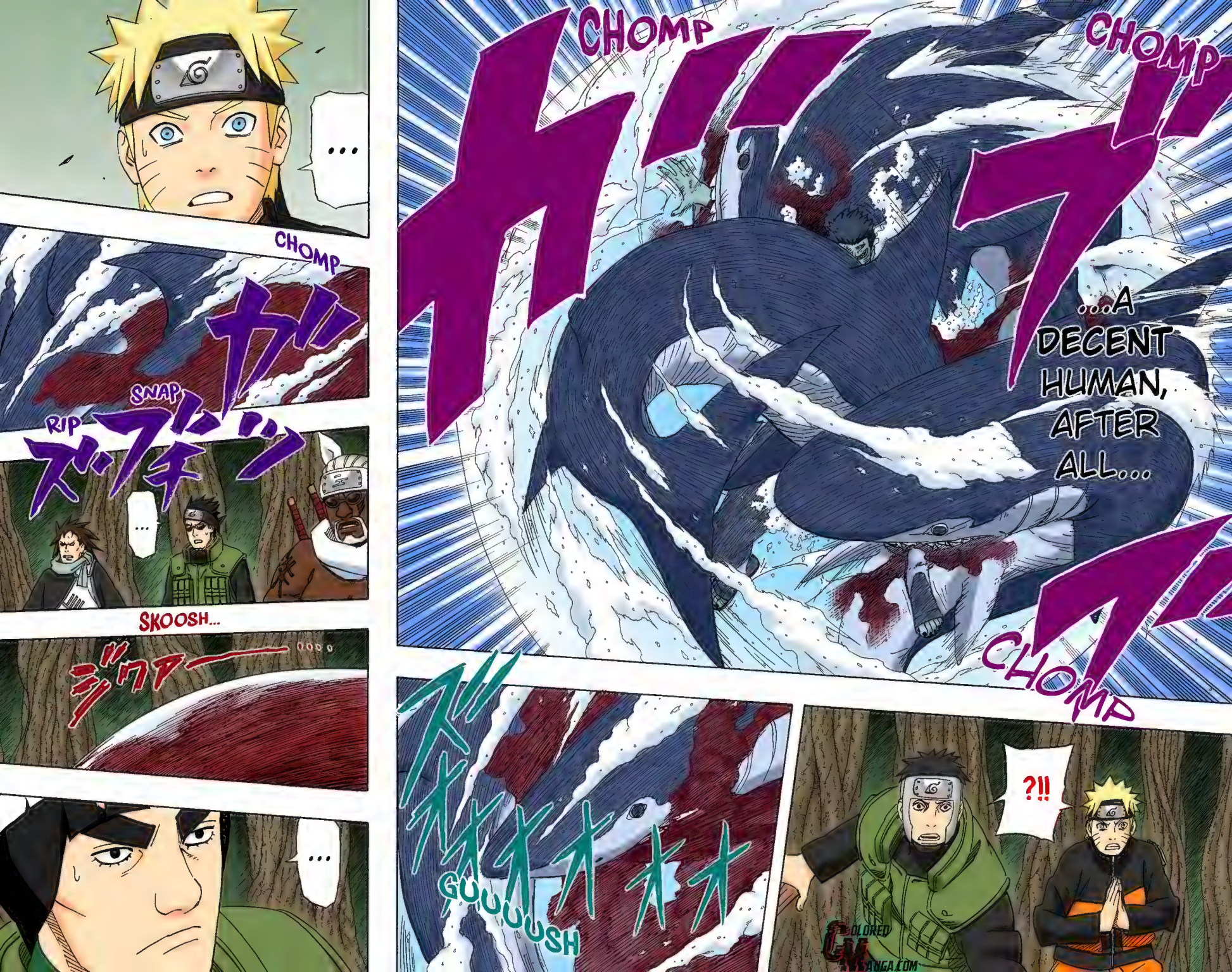
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CHOMP
SNAP
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SKOOSH...
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CHOMP
...A DECENT HUMAN, AFTER ALL...
CHOMP
GUUUUSH
?!!

SPLAT

BOOF

POP

...LONG FEARED AS THE SCOURGE OF THE MIST... I NEVER IMAGINED THIS WOULD BE HOSHIGAKI KISAME'S MANNER OF DEATH.

HE WAS AN AKATSUKI MEMBER POWERFUL ENOUGH TO BE PAIRED WITH ITACHI...

HE WAS PRETTY DEBILITATE... HE MUST HAVE POSTULATED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ESCAPE US...

SHUP

...HE FED HIMSELF TO HIS OWN SHARKS...

SKREE

...

IS HE REALLY DEAD?

...

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...

SO IT SEEMS THIS TIME, HE TRULY IS DEAD... *FULLY* ♪

FUFU NOW NOW

THIS FELLA'S CRYING *SORROWFULLY* ♪

SO EVEN SOME OF THE AKATSUKI ARE LOYAL TO THEIR OWN.

HE DIED INSTEAD OF GIVING UP INTEL ON HIS COMRADES.

BUT...

THE MEASURE OF A SHINOBI'S LIFE IS DETERMINED BY HIS MANNER OF DEATH!

THAT WAS ADMIRA-BLE, THOUGH HE WAS AN ENEMY!

!

WAP

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I SWEAR TO **REMEMBER** YOU FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!

HOSHIGAKI KISAME!

AND NOW, WE'VE AVERTED OUR INTEL FROM BEING LEAKED TO THE AKATSUKI.

?!!

RIGHT!

Reee

WE SHOULD CONFIRM THE CONTENTS OF THAT SCROLL.

IF WE KNOW WHAT THEY WERE INTERESTED IN, THEN WE CAN PLAN A COUNTER.

SO HE HAD RECORDED INFORMATION ABOUT US ON THAT SCROLL AND WAS INTENDING TO SMUGGLE IT OUT OF HERE, EH.

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?!!

SPLOSH

!

!!

SWOOOOOOSH

...THE WATER PRISON JUTSU!!

UGH... THIS HEAVY WATER... IT'S...

WAH !!

ZWOOOO

CHANK

WATCH OUT... SHARK!!!

IT WAS A BOOBY TRAP!!

!!

GLUB GLUB ゴボボボ

ZWOP

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I CAN'T MOVE IN ALL THIS WATER!

WAH!! A SHARK'S GOT ME!!

GRRK

GAH! IT'S HEADED OUT TO SEA!

SWISH

ゴボボボ

I'M DRAINED FROM THE EIGHT GATES. GLUB...

FOOL, YA FOOL!

GUY!! HOLD ON!

CLOD

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SPLASH

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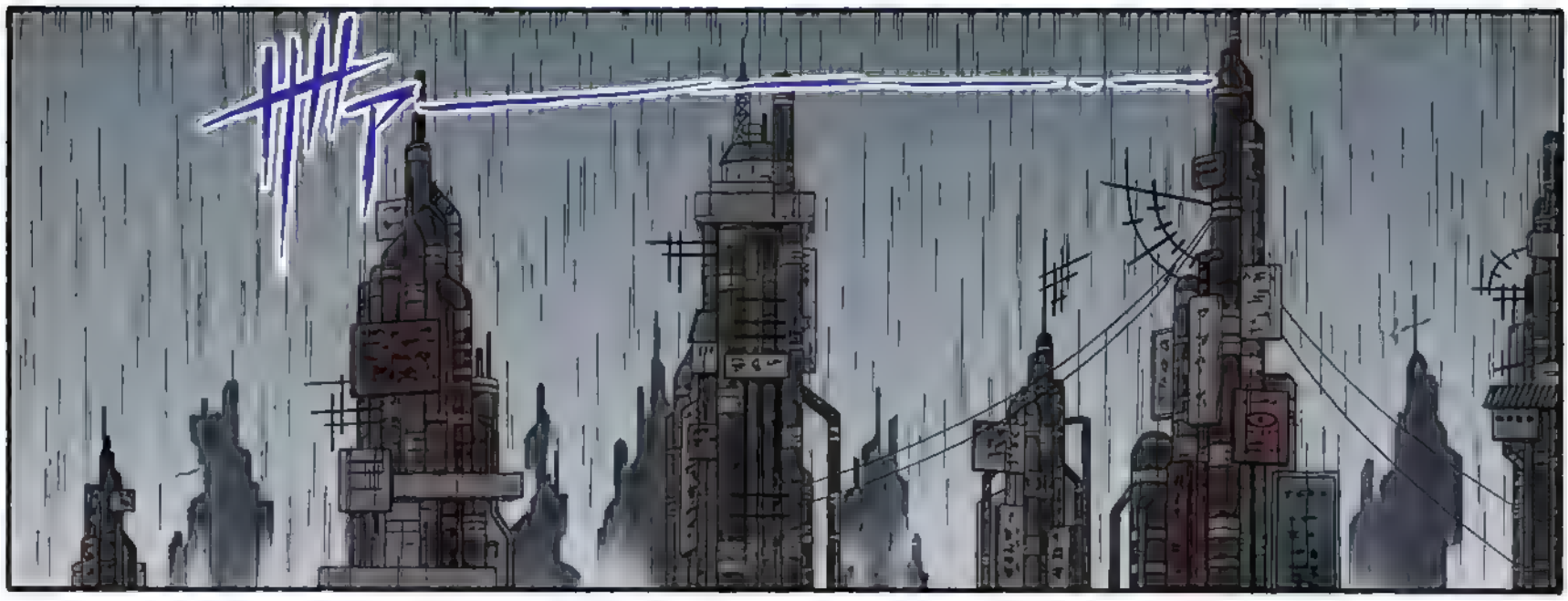

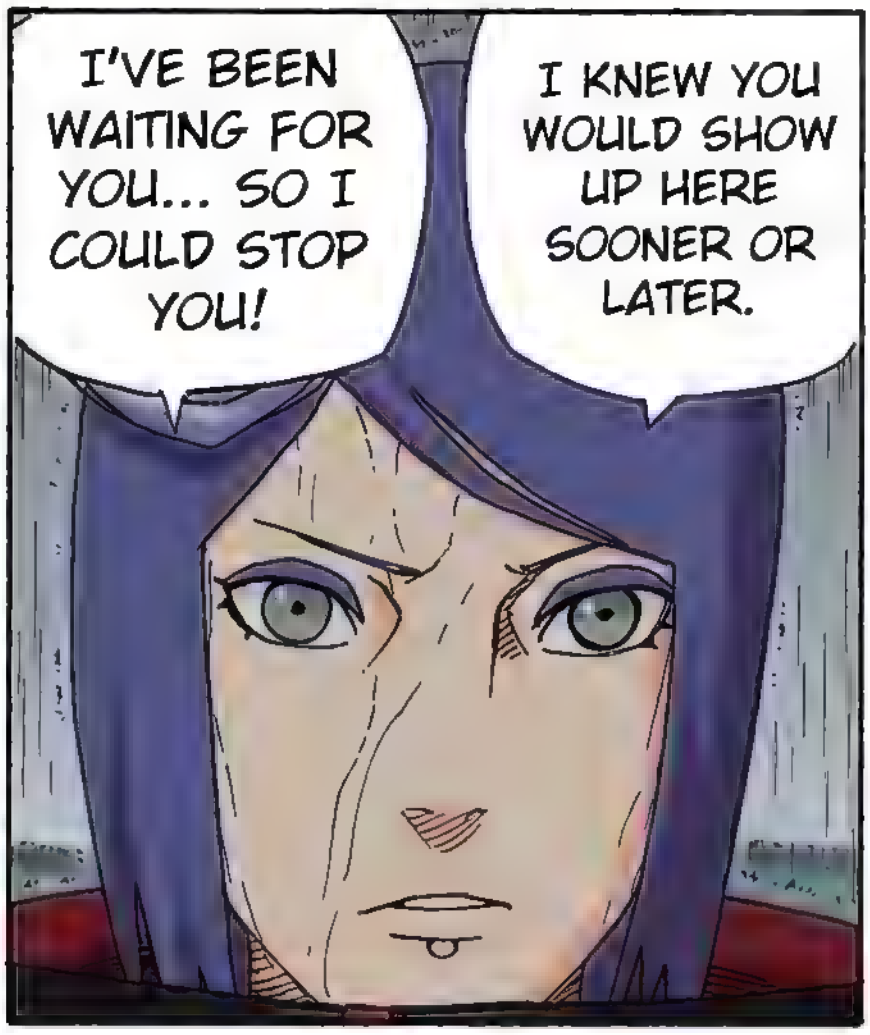

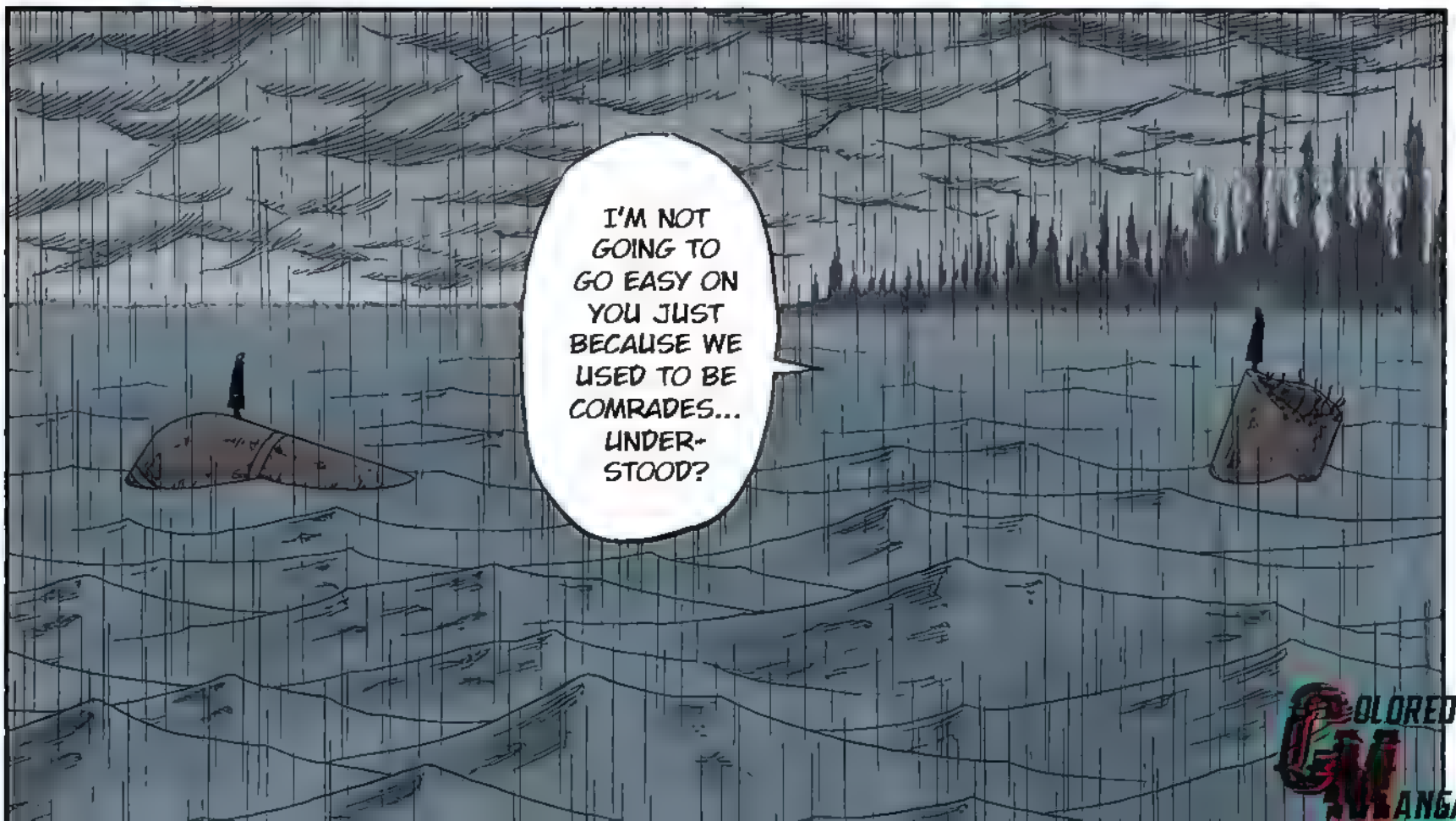

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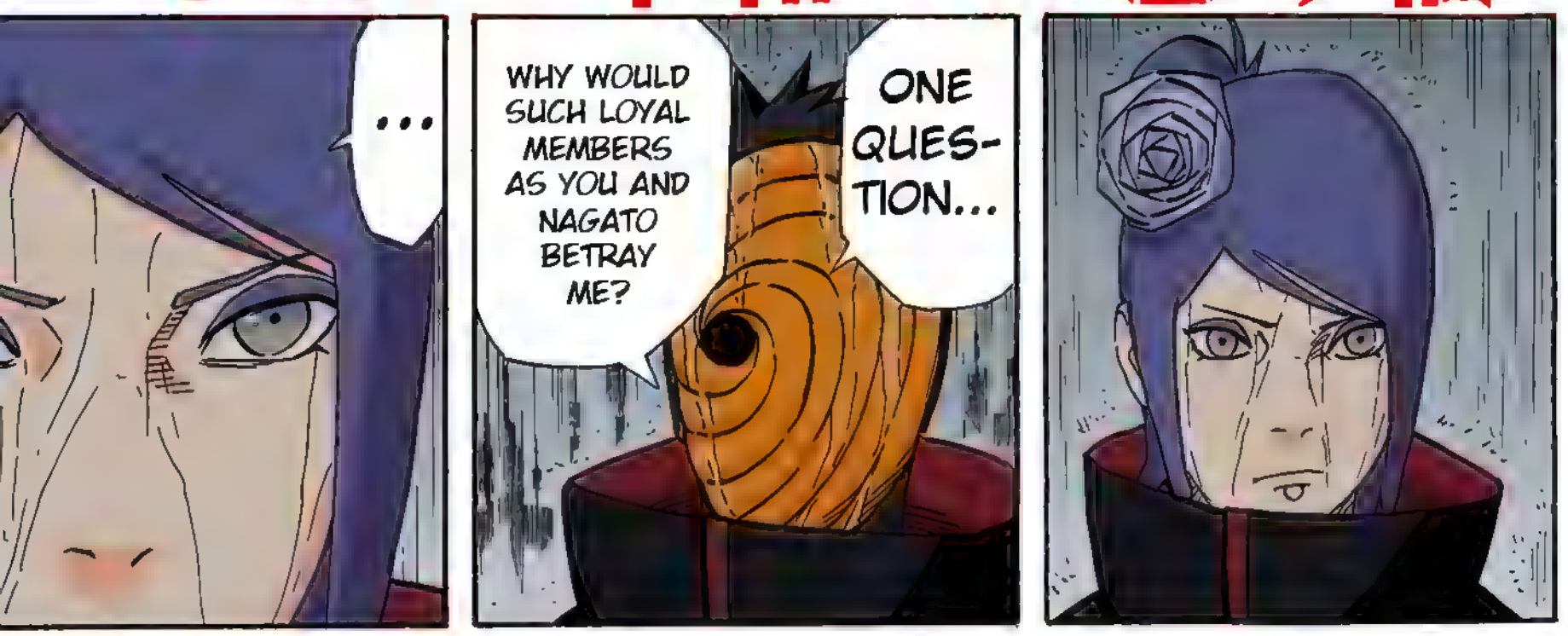

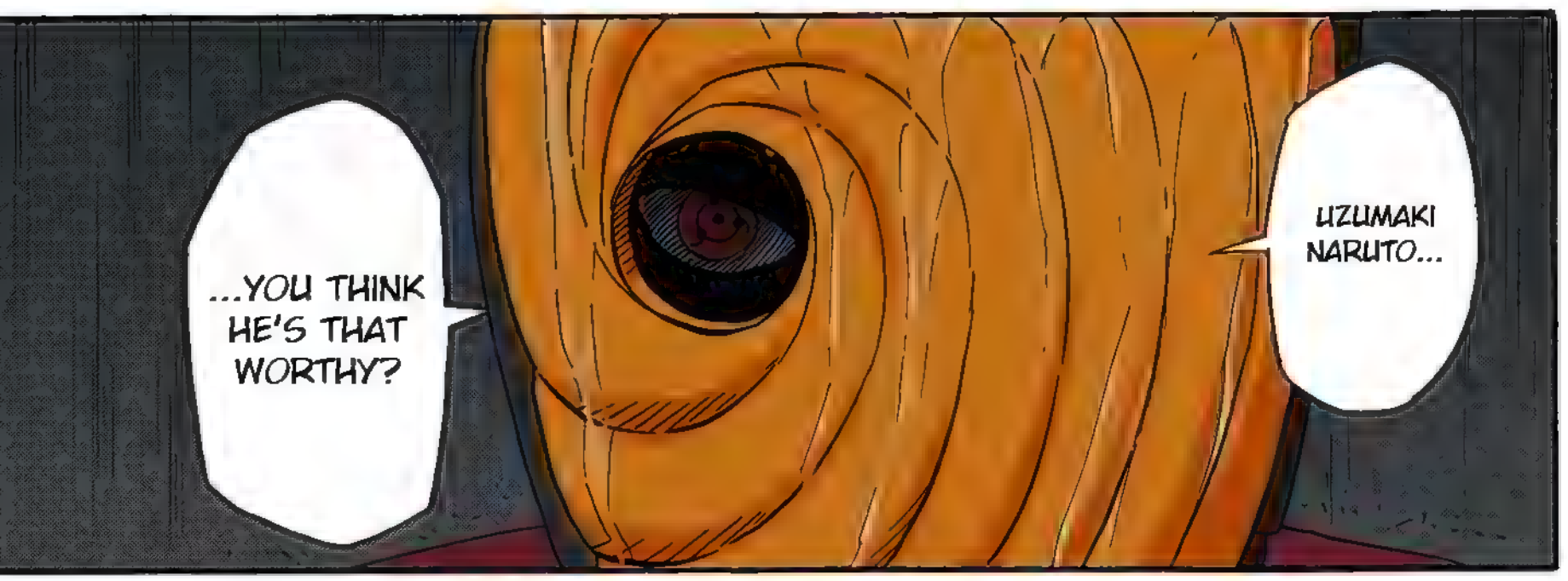

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...CAN CARRY FLOWERS OF HOPE!
SEEMS TO ME YOU BEAR LINGERING AFFECTION FOR THE AKATSUKI.
HEH... YOU SHOW YOUR FANGS AND STAND AGAINST ME, YET YOU STILL WEAR THOSE ROBES.
FRRLLP
FRRLLP
FRRLLP
THESE ROBES ARE OUR LEGACY, NOT YOURS.
YOU MERELY JUMPED ONTO OUR BANDWAGON.
THE RED CLOUDS ON THESE ROBES REPRESENT THE WARS THAT RAINED BLOOD UPON AMEGAKURE ...!
YAHIKO FOUNDED THE AKATSUKI.
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AGAIN, IT DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU.

AND THE RINNEGAN IS SOMETHING THAT AMEGAKURE SHINOBI NAGATO AWAKENED.

SINCE YOU'RE ABOUT TO DIE, I'LL ENLIGHTEN YOU.

HEH HEH... YOU'RE MISTAKEN ON TWO COUNTS.

SWSH SWSH SWSH

HIS EYES ARE THIS NATION'S... AND THIS VILLAGE'S TREASURE!!

AND SECOND...

!!

FIRST, I ENCOURAGED AND PUSHED YAHIKO TO FORM THE AKATSUKI.

...?!

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...?!!

...I WAS ALSO THE ONE WHO GAVE NAGATO THE RINNEGAN.

SO PERHAPS IT WOULD BE MORE CORRECT FOR ME TO ASK FOR IT BACK...

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DO NOT MOCK UCHIHA OCULAR POWERS, GIRLIE!

ONCE I CAPTURE YOU, I'LL HAVE MY WAY.

...EXCEPT FOR...THE LOCATION OF NAGATO'S RINNEGAN...

BUT NEVER MIND... IN MY OPINION, YOU'RE JUST AN IGNORANT LITTLE GIRL WHO KNOWS NOTHING...

FLAP

FLAP

SWOOSH

VWOOSH

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THWP
THWP
THWP
THWP

FWOOSH...

...VERU WELL. I KNOW SHE'S GOT SOME PLAN UP HER SLEEVE... BRING IT ON!

SHE'S TRYING TO OVERPOWER ME WITH NUMBERS, HOPING TO CATCH ME WHEN I MATERIALIZE...

YOU'RE FINISHED!

GACK

HERE SHE IS!!

ZWOOOO

THWP
THWP
THWP
THWP

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!!

SHE MIXED IN EXPLOSIVE TAGS...!

FLASH

I'LL TAKE YOU WITH ME TO THE AFTERO LIFE...

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MORE MEMBERS WERE KILLED IN THE SEVENTH WARD.

JUST REST... I'LL GO.

BUT...

YOU DON'T NEED TO PUSHE YOUR-SELF SO HARD.

NAGATO... TAKE A BREAK.

THAT AREA IS TURNING INTO A GUERRILLA WAR... WE NEED TO TAKE MEASURES NOW.

I'LL GO SCOUT IT OUT IN THE AFTER-NOON.

...

SWOO...

BE CAREFUL, YAHIKO...

I DON'T NEED A SEND-OFF!

GO TEND TO NAGATO'S WOUNDS INSTEAD.

...

FROM NOW ON, FOCUS ALL YOUR WORRYING ON HIM.

BUT YOU'RE NO LESS IMPOR-TANT...

EVERYONE HERE IS HERE BECAUSE THEY ADORE YOU... EVEN NAGATO.

HE'S THE KEYSTONE OF THE AKATSUKI!!

THE MAN WHO IS GOING TO CHANGE THIS NATION AND THIS WORLD!

NAGATO...

..IS SOMEONE WHO IS GOING TO BECOME THE PEACE VIADUCT, OUR BRIDGE TO THE END OF ALL WARS.

...YAHIKO.

SWOOO

MY ROLE IS TO MAKE SURE THAT HAPPENS. I AM A PILLAR THAT SUPPORTS THE VIADUCT SPAN OF THAT BRIDGE TO PEACE.

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I TRULY FEEL THAT WAY.

IN THE PAST, I HATED THIS LAND THAT WAS CRYING ALL THE TIME.

BUT NOW... I WANT TO SAVE IT...

IT CONTIN-UES TO ENDURE MUCH PAIN.

THIS LAND IS CRYING, AS USUAL.

...YAHIKO!

SPROING

IT'S TOO MUCH LIKE THE CRYBABY I USED TO BE FOR ME TO LEAVE IT ALONE.

...BE CAREFUL.

SHUP

NAGATO...

THAT IS, HIS WILL ITSELF IS.

YAHIKO IS THE PEACE VIADUCT.

WE ALL BELIEVE IN YAHIKO!!

TAK

YES, SIR!

LET'S GO!

...THAT SUPPORTS TWO BRIDGES: YAHIKO AND NAGATO!!

I WILL BE A PILLAR...

SWOO...

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I DIDN'T TAKE YOU SERIOUSLY ENOUGH... AND COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU ARE A FORMER AKATSUKI MEMBER.

SWOO

...BUT YOU FAILED...

...SEEMS YOU WERE PLANNING TO BLOW YOURSELF UP JUST AS I WAS SUCKING YOU IN, AND TO TAKE ME DOWN WITH YOU...

HUF

HUF

THOUGH I DID GET HIT A BIT...

I WAS FASTER THAN YOU... I MANAGED TO SUCK AWAY THE EXPLOSION.

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...

NOW... WAS THAT THE LAST OF YOUR SECRET SCHEMES?

...YOU WERE ALSO SAVED BECAUSE I SUCKED IT AWAY...

YOU OUGHT TO THANK ME.

FSH

WHAT IS IT?

MADARA... I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU.

FRRRRRRRL

...THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM.

NOT REALLY...

DO YOU KNOW WHY WE BETRAYED YOU?

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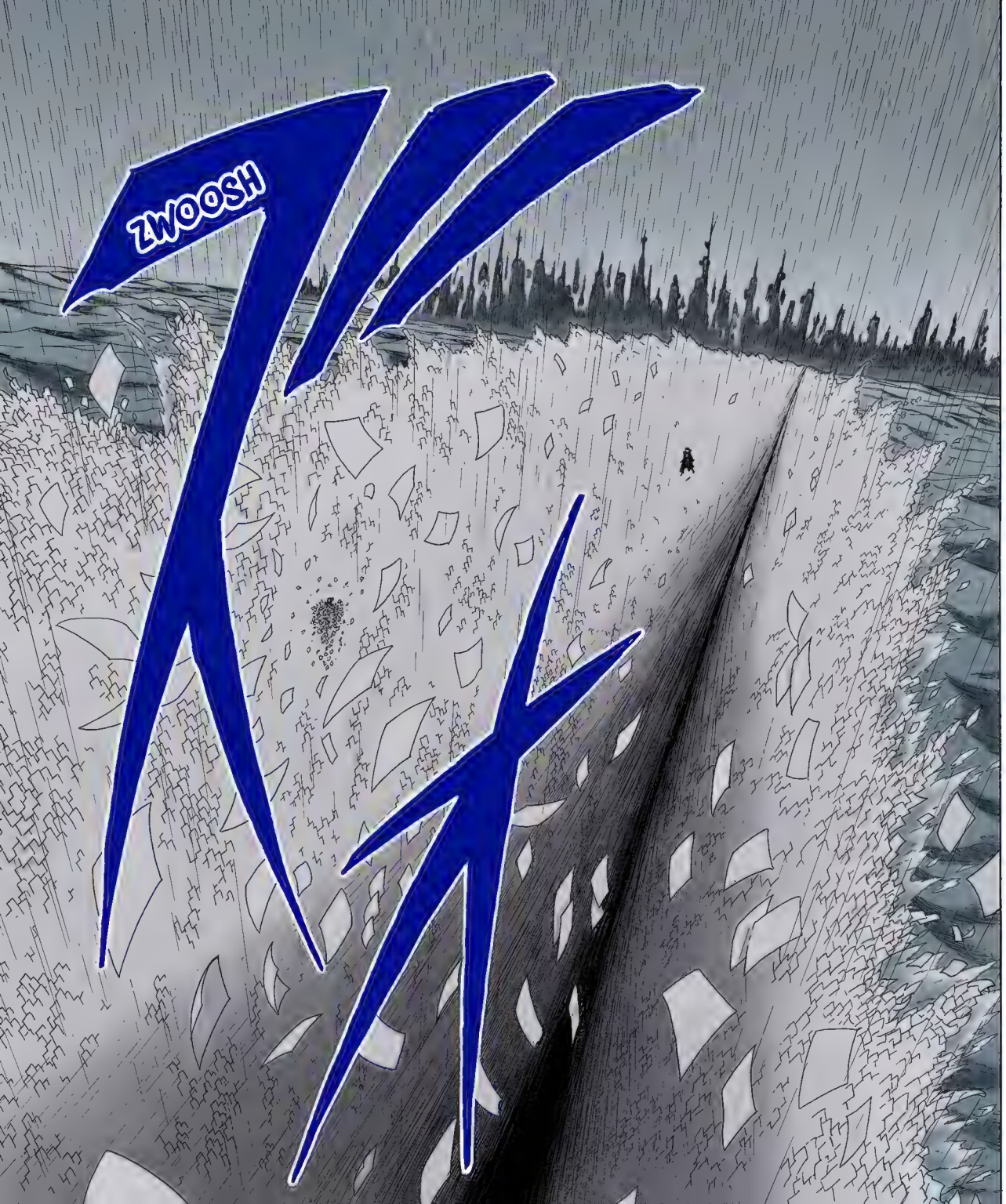

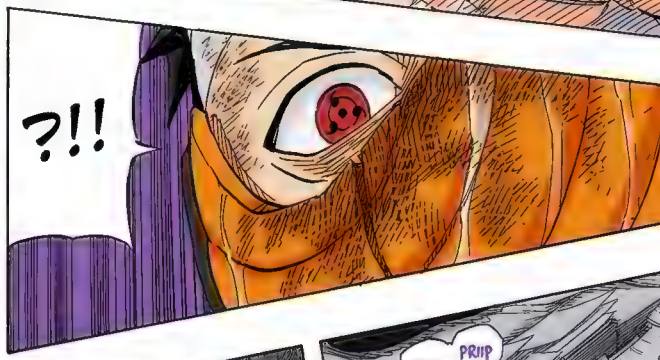

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510: FORBIDDEN JUTSU SHOCK!!

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I'VE BEEN PAYING ATTENTION ALL THESE YEARS.

YOU CANNOT TELEPORT.

BOM

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BOM

IT WOULD'VE BEEN BAD...

IF I HADN'T SWITCHED FROM FLYING...

...TO SLIPPING PAST THAT EXPLOSION...

I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL WHERE I MATERI-ALIZE...

WITH ALL THESE EXPLOSIVE TAGS EVERY-WHERE, SHE CAN ATTACK AT any MOMENT...

AND IT TAKES LONGER TO SUCK YOURSELF IN... THAN ANOTHER PERSON OR OBJECT...

BOOF

TO TELEPORT, YOU MUST FIRST MATERIALIZE.

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!!

I ALSO KNOW YOU CAN ONLY SLIP THROUGH OBJECTS FOR NO MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES!

THEY WILL *ALL* EXPLODE FOR A FULL TEN MINUTES!!

THERE ARE 600 BILLION! I DO PLAN TO KILL YOU.

SO MANY EXPLOSIVE TAGS!

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...!!

CHAK

WHAP

BOM BOM BOM BOM BOM BOM

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I ENCOUR-AGES AND PUSHED YAHIKO TO FORM THE AKATSUKI.

I WAS ALSO THE ONE WHO GAVE NAGATO THE RINNEGAN.

VOOSH

BOM BOM BOM

YAHIKO AND NAGATO WERE ACTING OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL!

BOM BOM BOM BOM

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE TO YOU. THEY FOUGHT AND DIED FOR THEIR OWN REASONS!

THEY WERE **NOT** YOUR PAWNS!

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THEY WILL ALWAYS SHARE THAT!!

I WILL NOT LET YOU INTERFERE !!

BOM BOM BOM BOM BOM BOM BOM BOM BOM BOM BOM BOM BOM BOM

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SPLOOSH

RAAWWR

HUF

HUF

HUF

HUF

HUF

FIP

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HUF

HUF

...MADARA...

I DIDN'T ANTICIPATE NEEDING THIS MUCH CHAKRA. BUT AT, LEAST...

MY SACRED PAPER EMISSARY JUTSU... HAS COME UNDONE...

FWOOSH

FWOOSH

FWOOSH

HUF

FIP

FIP

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?!!

...IS DEAD?

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FWOSH FWOSH FWOSH

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SWOO
PITTER
ポタタタ

I RAN THE SUMULATIONS OVER AND OVER. YOU SHOULD BE DEAD.

HOW ARE YOU NOT DEAD?!

...THAT ONLY THOSE THAT POSSESS BOTH UCHIHA AND SENJU POWERS CAN PERFORM!

AN OCULAR JUTSU...

SWOO...

AN UCHIHA FORBIDDEN JUTSU WHERE, IN EXCHANGE FOR LOSING SIGHT IN THAT EYE, A USER CAN TIE ILLUSION AND REALITY TOGETHER...

THE IZANAGI...

HUF

...

...SO I GUESS YOU DESERVE TO KNOW THAT LITTLE BIT OF MY HISTORY...

HEH HEH... WE WERE *ONCE* COMRADES...

..BUT THAT'S... SIX PATHS POWER... YOU DON'T HAVE...

...BOTH UCHIHA... AND SENJU POWERS...?

HUF

HUF

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THEIR ORIGINATOR, THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS, POSSESSED THE BLOOD AND POWERS OF BOTH, AND CREATED MANY THINGS.

THE UCHIHA AND THE SENJU WERE ONCE ONE.

...THE IZANAGI JUSTSU IS SIMPLY THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF WHAT YOU ALREADY KNOW AS THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS' *CREATION OF ALL THINGS.*

...AND YÔTON, LIGHT STYLE POWER, FOUNDED UPON PHYSICAL ENERGIES THAT GOVERN LIFE...

..CAN BE USED TO INSTILL LIFE INTO THAT FORM...

INTON, SHADOW STYLE POWER, FOUNDED UPON MENTAL ENTERGIES THAT GOVERN IMAGINATION...

..CAN BE USED TO CREATE FORM OUT OF NAUGHT...

JUTSU THAT CAN MAKE FANTASY REALITY...

THE SAGE USED THE POWERS OF SHADOW AND LIGHT STYLES TO CREATE THE NINE BIJU FROM TEN TAILS' CHAKRA.

THE BIJU ARE BUT ONE EXAMPLE...

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WHO... WHAT... ARE YOU...?

THAT IS THE IZANAGI.

I AM UNIQUE. I AM THE SECOND SAGE OF THE SIX PATHS!

I AM UCHIHA MADARA. AND I POSSESS THE POWER OF SENJU HASHIRAMA!

VICTORS ARE THOSE THAT LOOK AND PLAN AHEAD. THE TRUE CONTEST IS JUST BEGINNING...

I ONLY ENGAGED IN OUR PREVIOUS BATTLE SO I COULD ACQUIRE HIS POWERS.

THE WORLD BELIEVES THAT UCHIHA MADARA LOST TO SENJU HASHIRAMA... BUT WHAT IS THE REAL TRUTH?

...

ZWOP

UGH...!

HEH HEH...

THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW WHO MANAGED AN INCOMPLETE IZANAGI, BUT THEY WERE UNABLE TO TRULY CONTROL THE POWER OF HASHIRAMA.

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!

NAGATO WAS PATHETIC TO BELIEVE IN NARUTO!

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS TRUE PEACE! NO HOPE!

WHEN YOU DO, YOU AND HE CAN DISCUSS...

...AD NAUSEAM HOW YOU BOTH FELL FOR NARUTO'S FOOLISH DREAMS.

YOU'LL BE SEEING NAGATO SOON.

KOFF

THAT IS, HIS WILL ITSELF IS.

YAHIKO IS THE VIADUCT TO PEACE.

I WILL BE THE PILLAR THAT SUPPORTS THAT VIADUCT.

NAGATO IS THE VIADUCT TO PEACE.

...THIS... CAN'T BE...

THAT HE...

YAHIKO! NAGATO! ...THEIR WILLS SHALL NOT BE EXTINGUISHED!

I TOO BELIEVE IN NARUTO!

FSH...

WHAT'S GOING ON?

THE NEVER-ENDING AME-GAKURE RAIN IS LETTING UP...?

NARUTO... I BELIEVE YOU OF ALL PEOPLE... CAN...

SEEMS THIS IS IT FOR ME...

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..FOR GIVING ME HOPE EVEN FROM BEYOND THE GRAVE!
THANK YOU, NAGATO...

I SHALL TAKE YOU...
FWUP
...I AM EXPENDABLE, A MERE FLOWER!!
FWUP
FWUP

...IS THE VIADUCT TO PEACE!!
AND I SHALL BE HIS PILLAR !!!
FWP

YOU CALLED ME DARKNESS.

!!

CHAK

WHEN I HAVE FINISHED CASTING THIS GENJUTSU, YOU WILL BE FINISHED TOO.

...AFTER I'VE MADE YOU SPILL THE LOCATION OF THE RINNEGAN FIRST, THAT IS...

WELL THEN, I SHALL WILT YOU...

...AND... CAUSE THIS SPARKLING RAINBOW BRIDGE OF YOURS... TO FADE IN THE DARKNESS AS WELL

UGH... UGH...

SPLASH

!

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TMP

TAK

HERE, EH...

SHUP

...!

PT

YOU EXERTED SO MUCH POWER THAT YOUR RED HAIR-PROOF OF YOUR UZUMAKI CLAN LINEAGE-TURNED WHITE...

YOU... WERE THE THIRD SAGE OF THE SIX PATHS...

YOU BETRAYED ME! AND STILL YOU LAUGH AT ME...?

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ナンバー 511：帰(かえ)ってこよう

511: WE SHALL RETURN

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SWW

FSM

ZWOP

ZWOOOOOOO

ZWWWWWW

THD

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THAT TOOK TOO LONG GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE.

SHUP

SHUP

SPLOOSH

WHOOOOOO

ZZZ

FLAP

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KONAN'S ON THE RIGHT. YAHIKO, THE MIDDLE.

NAGATO'S IS THE ONE ON THE LEFT.

長門

弥彦

小南

FLIP TILES?

YUP... THE FRONT SIDE IS RED AND THE BACK, WHITE.

TMP

YOU FLIP THEM BACK AND FORTH. LIKE THIS!

FLIP TILES.

WHAT ARE THEY?

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WHEN YOU'RE HERE AT HEAD-QUARTERS, I WANT THE RED SIDE SHOWING.

FLIP

長門

彦

小南

...

?

HEH

...

...

HEH!

...UM... WHAT'S WITH THE SILLY GRIN...?

YOU KNOW, WE ONLY LET YOU GET AWAY WITH ALL THIS FROG STUFF CUZ YOU'RE THE TOAD SAGE.

THAT'LL BE OUR SECRET CODE.

WHEN YOU LEAVE TO GO OUT, FLIP IT TO THE WHITE.

...THE ENEMY CAN LOCATE US EASILY.

WHEN WE'RE HERE IN OUR HIDEOUT, AT HEAD-QUARTERS...

SWOO

THIS REGION IS UNSAFE...

WE COULD BE TARGETED AT ANY TIME.

...BUT WHAT DO THE TILES HAVE TO DO WITH ANYTHING?

UNLIKE YAHIKO.

NICELY DEDUCED, KONAN...

I KNEW! I KNEW THAT TOO!! ,,,MOSTLY...

...OR IF THE WHITE SIDE IS SHOWING FOR ONE OF US, BUT WE'RE IN THE ROOM, IT COULD MEAN THAT IS NOT REALLY ONE OF US, BUT AN ENEMY IN DISGUISE.

...RIGHT?

SO, IF THE RED SIDE IS SHOWING BUT THAT PERSON ISN'T IN THE HIDEOUT, IT MIGHT MEAN THEY'VE BEEN KIDNAPPED...

I'VE ALSO BUILT A SECRET ROOM UNDER HERE, WITH AN ESCAPOE PASSAGE THAT LEADS OUTSIDE.

CREAK

WE CAN'T EVER RELAX, NOT EVEN WHEN WE'RE AT HOME.

THIS CODE, KNOWN ONLY TO THE FOUR OF US, WILL HELP US CONFIRM WHO'S WHERE AT ANY GIVEN TIME.

AND MY TILE IS BEHIND YOU.

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, USE IT TO GET AWAY.

LET'S GO!!

SWOO

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SHOOM

YOU'LL HONE YOUR ENDURANCE BY BECOMING A FROG AND LEARNING NOT TO REACT TO ANYTHING THROWN IN YOUR FACE WHATSOEVER...!!

...ALL RIGHT. TIME FOR TODAY'S LESSON: "WATER IN A FROG'S FACE" TRAINING!

YEAH!!!

AND CHANGE EVERY-THING!!

I'M GOING TO GET REAL STRONG. I SWEAR!!

WUMP

YAHIKO... DO YOU REALLY GET IT...? MASTER DID IT FOR US THIS TIME, BUT...

THP

TAK

...

...!

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...

ZING

長門 弥彦 小南

UGH, WHY DO I REACT SO STRONGLY TO THEM?

SHAMEFUL..

BEFORE YOU START CHANGING YOUR NATION, MAYBE YOU SHOULD FIRST LEARN TO CHANGE THE TILES LIKE I JUST SHOWED YOU!

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WE NEED A NEW HIDEOUT...

OUR ORGANIZA-TION HAS GOTTEN TOO BIG...

TODAY'S OUR LAST DAY HERE...

YEAH...

THIS IS WHERE WE GREW UP, BECAME STRONG.

EVERY-THING STARTED HERE.

THIS IS WHERE WE LEARNED TO MAKE OUR DREAMS COME TRUE!

AND...

TAP

長門 弥彦 小南

SWOOO...

SKUP

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BOM
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
THK
THK
!!
WHERE'D THEY GO?
BOOF
BOOF
!
TMP
TMP
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT SECRET ROOM CAME IN HANDY AT THE VERY END.
SSH

NOW LET'S GO, NAGATO! KONAN!

WHOOSH

OKAY, THAT WAS UNEXPECTED.

BUT APPROPRIATE.

FSH

SHUP

...EVEN IF WE'RE SPLIT APART...

THIS IS WHERE WE LEARNED TO MAKE OUR DREAMS COME TRUE!

ONCE THAT HAPPENS...

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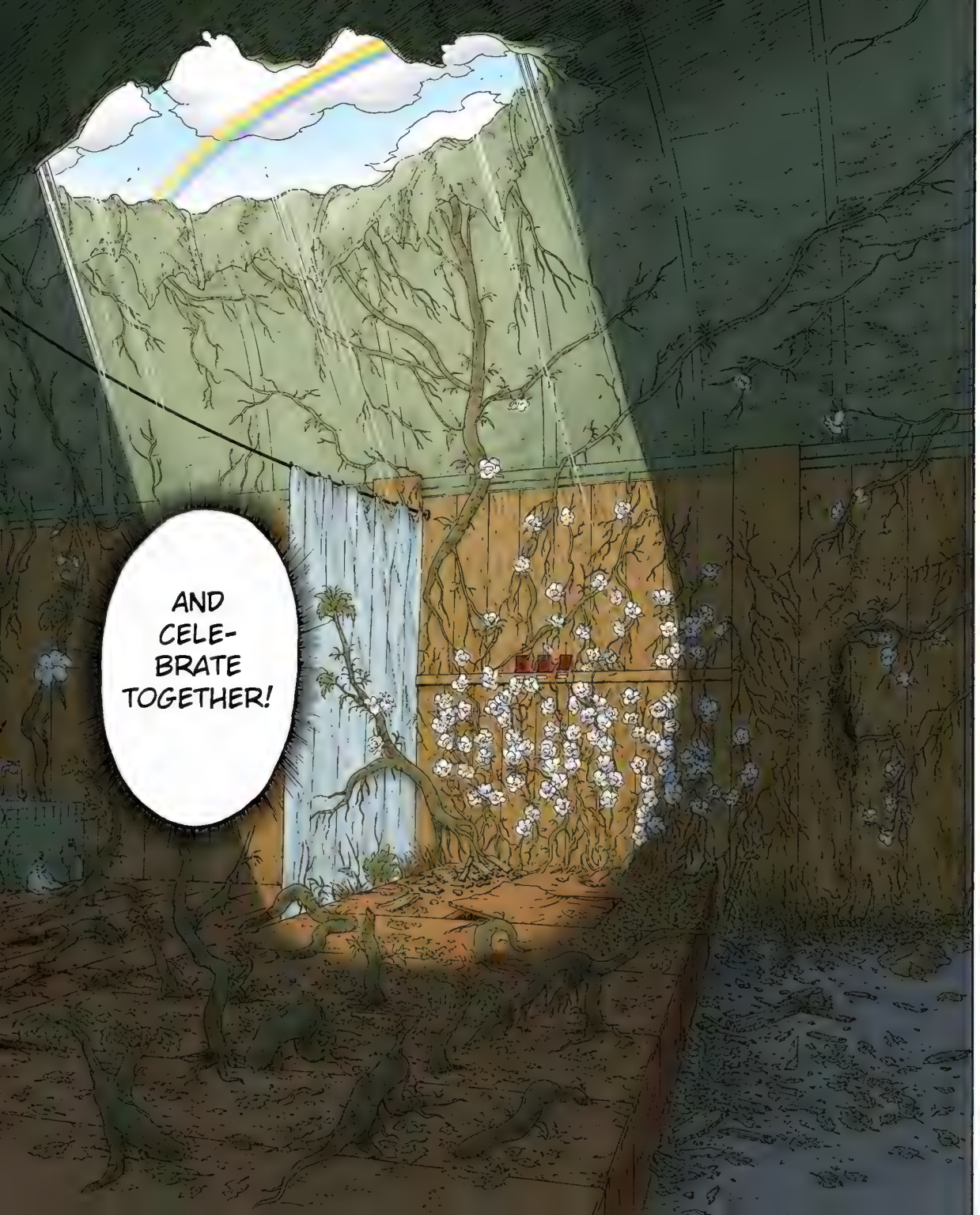

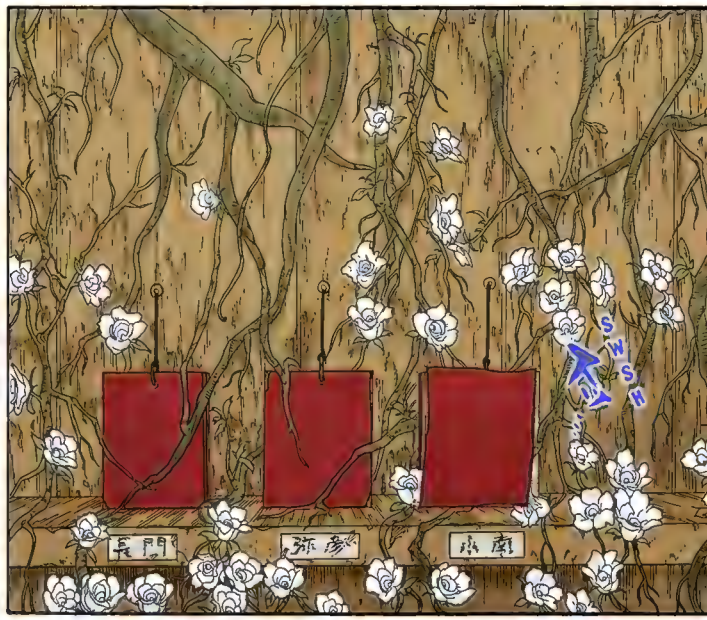

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YOU'RE RIGHT...

GOOD POINT.

IN THAT CASE, WE OUGHT TO INVITE MASTER JIRAIYA, TOO.

自来也

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OUR TIME IS NOW.

KISAME'S INTEL IS HERE.

BAH, THEY WERE ALWAYS MINE!

IT TOOK LONGER THAN YOU WANTED, BUT YOU MANAGED TO GET YOURSELF SOME LOVELY EYES THERE.

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THNK

TIME TO GO COLLECT NINE TAILS.

SHUP

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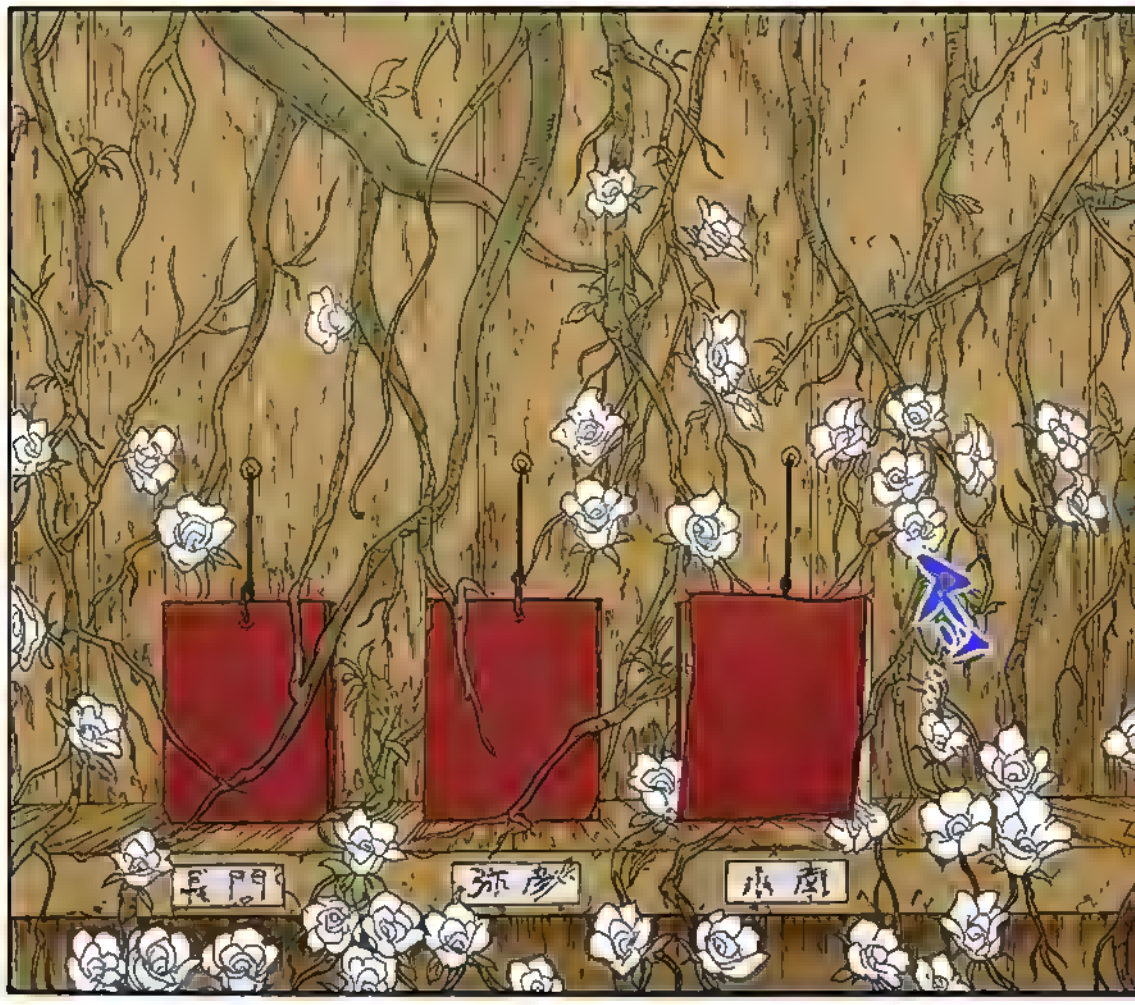
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ナンバー 512：ゼツの真実(しんじつ)!!

512: THE TRUTH ABOUT ZETSU!!

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WE WERE WAYLAID BY THE SPY SHARK ♪

I'VE LOST SIGHT OF MY MARK ♪

ﾅﾌﾅﾌ BOB— ﾅﾌﾅﾌ BOB—

SPLAS...SH

MASTER GUY! ARE YOU OKAY? CAN I HELP?!

CHAK

RRK

RRK

CHAK

RRK

RRK

?!!

AAARGH !!

URK

THE SLIGHTEST TOUCH WILL CAUSE HIM INTENSE PAIN!!

HEY! DON'T TOUCH HIM! HE'S EXPERI-ENCING THE AFTER-EFFECTS OF THE EIGHT INNER GATES.

HIS MUSCLE FIBERS ARE RUPTURED.

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SOFTLY! SOFTLY!!

THUNK

SHP

I'M SORRY!

AAARGH !!

THE ENEMY WILL SOON BE UPON US.

MISTER BEE AND NARUTO MUST BE MOVED IMMEDIATELY!

THAT WATER PRISON JUTSU SERIOUSLY DELAYED ME FROM GETTING THE WORD OUT ABOUT OUR INTEL LEAK.

RIP

WE MUST ASSUME OUR LOCATION IS KNOWN NOW.

THEY BOTH STAY ON THIS ISLAND.

WE'LL MOVE THEM... BUT NOT BY BOAT...

SNAP

I DON'T POKE AT HIM!

BOW BOW

?

BOOF

!

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FLAP

TWIP

FAIL! FOOLS ♪ YA FOOLS ♪

BEE! HOW WAS IT?

FLAP

FLAP

!

W-WOW, YOU'RE IMMENSE!

BECAUSE IT'S ACTUALLY ...

IT'S NOT ON ANY MAP.

EVEN IF YOU KNOW IT EXISTS, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND.

KEEP THEM ON THE ISLAND?

I? BUT I AM JUST A WEE TURTLE!

...A MOBILE STRONG-HOLD, AN ISLAND THAT CAN MOVE.

WAIT, DOES THAT MEAN SOME ARE BIGGER THAN YOU?!

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IT'S A MASSIVE TURTLE THAT KUMOGAKURE HAS BEEN REARING SINCE ANCIENT TIMES.

SWOO

BESIDES WHICH, WE TOLD NARUTO THAT HE WAS HERE ON A TOP SECRET MISSION TO PERFORM AN ECOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THIS ISLAND.

IF WE MOVE HIM OFF THE ISLAND, HE'LL GET SUSPICIOUS.

OF COURSE, WE CAN ASSUME THAT THE ENEMY KNOWS THIS NOW, TOO...

...BUT THIS ISLAND IS STILL FAR SAFER THAN ANY BOAT TO TRAVEL TO KUMOGAKURE.

AAAAARGH

!?

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I WILL GO TO NINE TAILS' AND EIGHT TAILS' LOCATION.

WAIT...

IT WON'T DELAY TEN TAILS' RESURRECTION IN THE SLIGHTEST?

IF I CAN'T GET HIM, I CAN MAKE DO WITH ZETSU. YOU DON'T MIND SHARING A PIECE OF HIM, DO YOU?

THE FIRST HOGAKE CLONE KNOWN AS YAMATO IS ALWAYS AT NINE TAILS NARUTO'S SIDE.

I WANT HIM FOR MY EXPERIMENTS.

WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?

HERE IS WHEN YOU SHOW YOUR TRUST IN OUR VENTURE.

HEH

...

OROCHIMARU KEPT YOU FULL OF STOLEN INTEL.

YOU SEEM TO BE VERY INFORMED.

...

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I HAVE THE ABILITY AND KNOWLEDGE TO MAKE ZETSU STRONGER.

BUT ONLY...

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?!

KISAME'S INTEL TOLD US THE ALLIED SHINOBI FORCES ARE 80,000 STRONG. AND NOW WE KNOW THEIR FORMATION PATTERN.

BUT THE REAL KEY TO OUR ARMY IS ZETSU.

TOBI... NO WAY?! YOU'RE REALLY GONNA TRUST HIM?!

ZWOOO

...IF YOU TAKE ME THERE.

COME WITH ME.

TAK

IF YOU CATCH NINE TAILS FOR ME, I'LL GIVE YOU ONE ZETSU.

...

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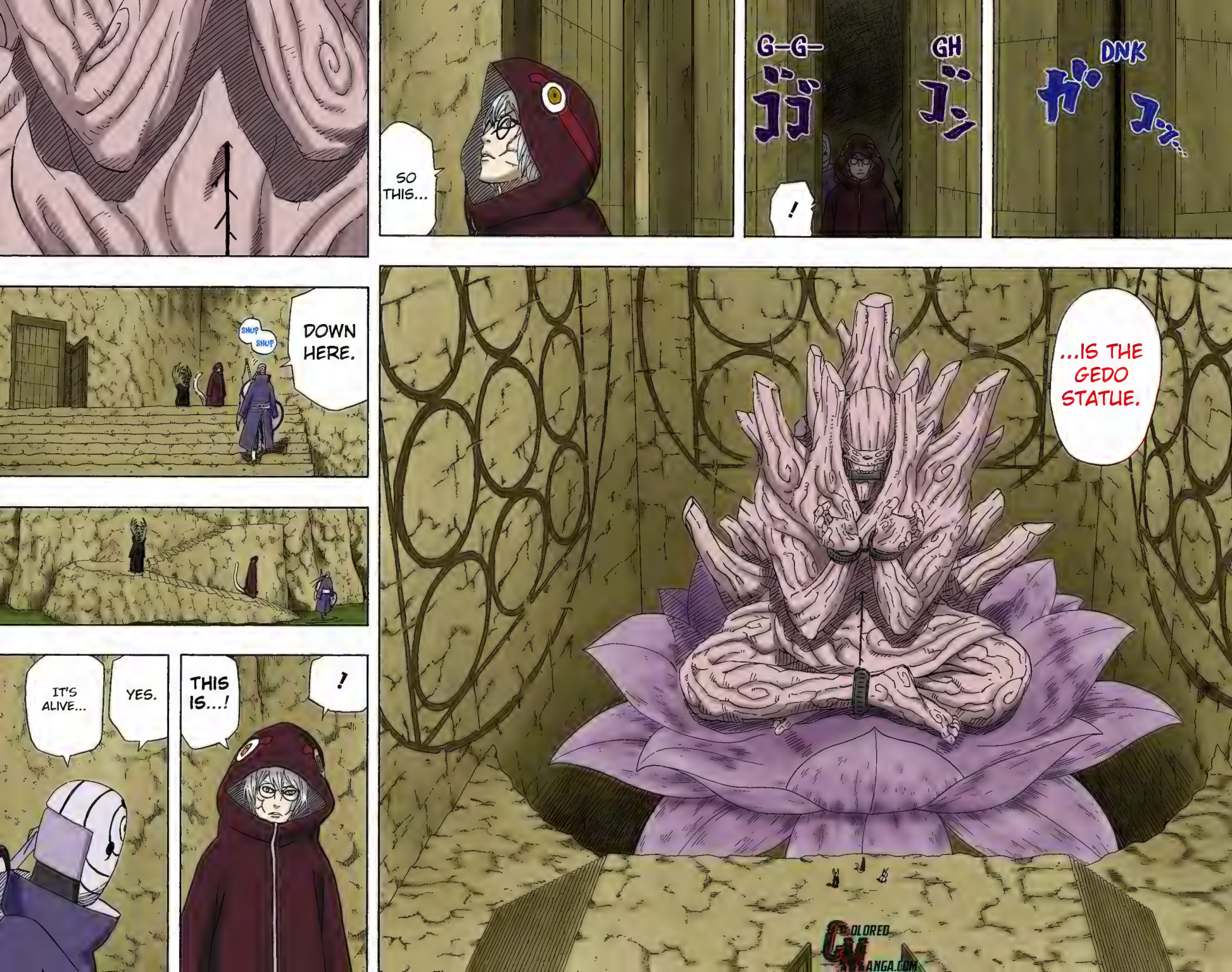
SO THIS...
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GH
DNK
!
DOWN HERE.
SHUP
SHUP
...IS THE GEDO STATUE.
IT'S ALIVE...
YES.
THIS IS...!
!

FIRST HOKAGE SENJU HASHIRAMA.

WHAT I WANT TO SHOW YOU IS MUCH FURTHER BELOW...

...OR RATHER, SOMETHING REPLICATED FROM LIVING CELLS THAT I STOLE FROM HIM DURING THAT INFAMOUS BATTLE.

IT HAS NO CONSCIOUS-NESS.

BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER.

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BABBLE

BABBLE

BABBLE

MURMUR

BABBLE

BABBLE

忍連合本部

ALLIED SHINOBI FORCES HQ

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...WE'LL HAVE TO REFORMU-LATE OUR TACTICS.

TO HAVE AN INTEL LEAK **NOW**...

THIS ALL MAKES IT EASY FOR US TO SET TRAPS.

BUT SINCE THEY KNOW THAT WE'RE AWARE OF THE LEAK, THEY'LL BE CAUTIOUS.

THEY WON'T EVEN BOTHER WITH TACTICAL MANEU-VERS.

IF THEY COME LOOKING THE INITIAL SCOUTING PARTY WILL BE SMALL.

CLOUD COVER WILL KEEP THE ENEMY FROM FINDING IT.

I SET UP A CONTINGENCY PLAN. I PLOTTED A VERY SPECIFIC ROUTE FOR THE ISLAND TO FOLLOW.

EVEN IF IT CAN MOVE, WE CAN'T RELAX.

WHAT ABOUT THE ISLAND ?

THEY WILL COME LOOKING FOR THOSE TWO.

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BUT ONLY A SMALL, CRACK UNIT SO AS NOT TO AROUSE SUSPICION.

WE MUST ALSO SEND REINFORCE-MENTS.

EVEN IF WE MOVE THEM, WE CAN'T LET OUR GUARD DOWN. THEY'LL SEARCH EVERYWHERE.

I'M SURE KISAME HAS MARKED THE ISLAND'S COORDINATES ON A MAP.

HOW DID YOU...?

THIS IS INCRED-IBLE.

SPLUSH

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A DELAY IN TEN TAILS' RESURREC-TION WILL ALSO DELAY MY OWN PLANS.

NOT EASILY. IT TOOK MOST OF THE CHAKRA OF THE BIJU STORED INSIDE THE STATUE.

ABOUT ...

...

HOW MANY IS THIS?

I'D LIKE TO PRESERVE THEM AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

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...A HUNDRED THOUSAND.

I'LL GO!!

CAN YOU DO THIS?

...

FOR SURE... AND SINCE YOU CAN FLY, YOU CAN TRAVEL QUICKLY.

HUMPH... OLD MAN OHNOKI, EH. I HAVE NO OBJECTIONS!!!

LORD TSUCHI-KAGE...

GAH

I AM OHNOKI, BEARER OF THE TITLE TSUCHIKAGE, ONCE FEARED AS THE GREAT FENCE-SITTER!!

KLATTER

WORRY NOT, KAZE-KAGE!

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AAAAARGH!!!

GAK

N-NO, FOOL! I TOLD YOU I WOULD GO, AND I SHALL GO!!! YOU MUST RESPECT OHNOKI, THE FENCE...

I'LL GO. MY SAND CAN CARRY ME THERE QUICKLY.

ARAAAARGH!! MY BACK!!!

WE'LL HEAD OUT NOW.

FLAP

YOU BOTH RELAX.

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SPLOO OOSH

IT'S ALL OCEAN FROM HERE ON OUT. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FLY.

ナンバー 513: バーサスつちかげ カブトVS土影!!

WHEE! I GET TO FLY AGAIN! I'M SO EXCITED!

AKA-TSUCHI!!

SETTLE DOWN, AKATSUCHI! WE COULD BE HEADING STRAIGHT INTO BATTLE...!

513: KABUTO VS. TSUCHIKAGE!!!

ZWW

ZWOP

FINALLY AWAKE...?

I SAID, SETTLE DOWN! YOU'RE BEING A FOOL!!

GAH, IT DOES SEEM LIKE FUN, BUT I'M OLDER, SO I CAN'T FROLIC AROUND LIKE AKATSUCHI.

YOU'RE NEXT, KURO-TSUCHI.

WHEE!

FWOOSH

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FIZZZZ

SWOO

SINCE I DON'T KNOW THAT MUCH ABOUT ART OR YOU...

MY JUTSU IS DIFFERENT THAN MASTER OROCHI-MARU'S.

YOU WON'T BE COMPLETELY HELD BACK, DEIDARA.

THAT LAST EXPLOSION OF YOURS NEVER REALLY HIT THE WAY YOU INTENDED, DID IT?

I ALREADY TOLD YOU! MY ART IS NOT EASILY UNDERSTOOD!! IT TAKES TIME...!! A LONG TIME... GRR... HMM...?

BUT I AM GREATEFUL TO YOU...

YOU'VE ALREADY DEVELOPED ONE ULTIMATE ART. NOW YOU CAN CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO EVEN GREATER ACHIEVEMENTS!

...HMM?

WELL, SURE... MY ARTISTIC NINJUTSU IS NOT EASY TO UNDERSTAND OR APPRECIATE...

LINE UP SINGLE FILE, I SAID!!

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SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE

YEESH...!!!

AND THAT WORKS OUT PERFECTLY WITH THE COVER STORY WE GAVE NARUTO THAT HE'S HERE ON A TOP SECRET ECOLOGICAL SURVEY MISSION.

WHICH HE SEEMS QUITE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT, NOW.

NOW THAT THERE IS A CHANCE THE AKATSUKI WILL COME HERE, WE'LL EVACUATE THE ANIMALS INSIDE THE GIANT TURTLE'S SHELL JUST IN CASE.

HEY YOU, THE OCTOPUS AND THE CRAB!! LINE UP ALREADY !!

AND I SHALL KEEP WIN-NING, WHAT A CAPER ♪

I WIN, YET AGAIN, AT THIS GAME OF ROCK, SCISSORS, PAPER ♪

SCISSORS

ROCK

!!

THEY MUST HAVE MOVED.

OUR INTEL SAYS IT'S AROUND HERE.

WE MUST AVOID THAT AT ALL COSTS. THIS IS A WAR TO PROTECT NARUTO.

IF NARUTO FINDS OUT ABOUT THE WAR, THERE'LL BE A MESS TO CLEAN UP.

HE WON'T STAY SILENT. HE'LL WANT TO RUSH TO THE BATTLEFIELD.

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PHOOM

SO IT'S NOT MADARA, AFTER ALL.

YOU'RE A DOPPEL-GANGER, EH!

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS BIRD AND DEIDARA OVER THERE?

FLAP

FLAP

IF I RECALL, THIS MAN IS...

I CAN'T BELIEVE MY AMBUSH IS THE TSUCHIKAGE.

A LOUSY PUNCH.

HEH

ZWOP

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IT'S REALLY HIM.

ZW ZW

A CLAY DOPPEL-GANGER...

YOU TOO!

FSII

HEY THERE, OLD MAN. BEEN A WHILE!

YEEAAGH!!

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COOOOOOOOO~!!

KABOOM

THIS ONE'S ALWAYS BEEN REAL *SHY* ♪

WHO'S TO SAY IF IT'S A GIRL OR A *GUY* ♪

FSH

HEY, OCTOPOPS, I CAN'T TELL IF THIS ONE'S A BOY OR A GIRL. IT'S ALL CURLED UP.

LET'S SAY IT'S A GIRL AND FINISH THIS *BIZ* ♪

IT DON'T REALLY MATTER WHICH IT *IS* ♪

...

AN ECO-LOGICAL SURVEY!!

BUT I *GOTTA!* THIS IS AN S-RANKED TOP SECRET MISSION!!

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COO COO

...

BOING

COULD YOU JUST ASK IT, PLEASE... YOU'RE THEIR BOSS, RIGHT?

IT'S JUST A PATTERN.

BUT! BUT! ITS BACK IS COVERED WITH THE KANJI FOR "MALE"... SEE...!

...WELL?

BUT THE HEAVENS AND EARTH NEVER TRADE PLACES! FOOL, YA FOOL!

MALE AND FEMALE... SOME SPECIES CAN SWITCH BETWEEN BOTH.

GAH! THIS MISSION IS REALLY LIVING UP TO ITS S RANKING...

OR IS IT?!! GRR!!

OH, REALLY?! I SEE!!

IRK

イ ラッ

IT SAYS ITS PRIVATES ARE A PRIVATE MATTER ♪

!

...AND... IT'S NOT HUMAN...!

WHAT'S THE MATTER ?

!!

WHAT THE...? SOMETHING IS AP-PROACHING AT HIGH SPEED...!

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VWOOOOSH

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GLUB

BLOP BLOP BLOP
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WAFT

SO I WASN'T EXPECTING YOUR CLAY DOPPEL-GANGERS.

WAFT

YOU TOOK ME A BIT BY SUPRISE... SINCE I HAD HEARD YOU WERE DEAD... DEIDARA.

WAFT

A STONE DOPPELGANGER OF THE TSUCHIKAGE... WE WERE THINKING THE SAME THING... *HMM?!*

SO THAT WAS...

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DON'T GET TOO EXCITED, ATA-TSUCHI!

THAT'S A JUTSU OF OROCHIMARU'S CALLED THE EDOTENSEI, WHERE HE LOOKS LIKE HE WAS BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE, BUT IT'S NOT THE REAL DEAL.

...GAH, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE EVEN CAUSING TROUBLE IN DEATH!

BROTHER DEIDARA! YOU DIED IN A SHOWY EXPLOSION, SO HOW COME YOU'RE ALIVE?!

DID YOU PERHAPS NOT DIE, AFTER ALL?

YOU THINK YOU'RE STALLING US?

I KNEW YOU WERE LYING IN AMBUSH. ...DID YOU REALLY THINK I WOULD COME SAUNTERING IN HERE WITHOUT A PLAN?

IT SEEMS HE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING...

ENOUGH! YOU'RE BOTH MINE!!

YOU RETURN TO LIFE... SEEKING TO MITIGATE THE SHAME OF BEING DONE IN BY A KONOHA STRIPLING?!

YOU'RE NEXT, GEEZER! YOU WHO MOCKED AND INSULTED MY ART, HMM!!

SHUT UP!! I KILLED UCHIHA SASUKE! HMM?!

INCON-CEIV-ABLE...!

NO WAY! DON'T TELL ME WE'VE ALREADY BEEN FOUND OUT?!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!

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WAAAAAII

SPLASH

SPLASH

RAAAAR

HE'S FOUND THEM.

?!!

RAWR !!!

!!!

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DON'T TELL ME HE'S FOUND THEM?!

!!!

...WHOA, WHAT THE? MY BODY WON'T RESPOND!!

WHY?!!

SORRY, WE NEED TO GO OVER THERE!!

VEER

SHUDDER SHUDDER SHUDDER

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TAK

WE'RE GIVING CHASE!

YESSIR !!

ROGER !!

SHUDDER SHUDDER SHUDDER SHUDDER SHUDDER

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!!!

WAAH!!

SHUDDER SHUDDER SHUDDER

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PITTER PITTER

EARTH-QUAKE!!

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THE FACT THAT THE ISLAND IS ALIVE TURNS OUT TO BE ITS FATAL FLAW!!

HIS SIZE, STRENGTH AND SENSORY ABILITIES ALL EXCEED THE ORIGINAL!

THAT'S MANDA II. I CREATED HIM FROM THE ORIGINAL MANDA'S CELLS.

GLUB
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GLUB
GLUB

IT'S NOT AN ISLAND. IT'S A GIANT TURTLE, AND IT'S MOVING.

AND EIGHT TAILS AND NINE TAILS ARE ON IT.

WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT THAT ISLAND?

RAAAAAR
ウオオオオオオ

WHAT IS THAT?!

FIRST, WE STOP THAT TURTLE ISLAND!

GIVE ME ONE BIG ONE, DEIDARA.

SO? WHAT'S THE PLAN?!

HMM?!

I SEE! SO THAT LOUT NARUTO'S DOWN THERE, EH!

PLUS EIGHT TAILS AND NINE TAILS?!!

TURTLE ?!

IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO CAPTURE EIGHT TAILS AND NINE TAILS!

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ZWOO

GAH!!
HE'S SO FAST!!

SHOOM
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WAAH!
THUD
THUD
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WAP
WAP

SURE.
DO IT!
YEEAAGH!!
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BLOOP.
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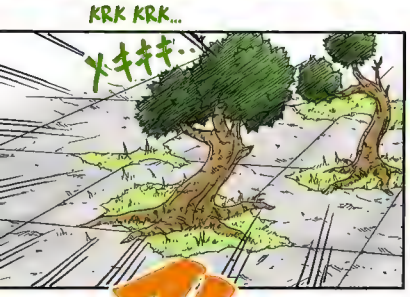
RAWR!!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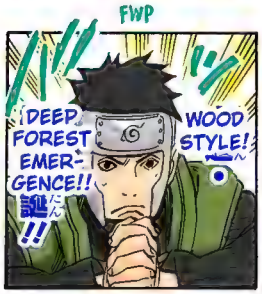
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DEEP FOREST EMERGENCE!! 誕!!
WOOD STYLE!

VOOSH
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FMP
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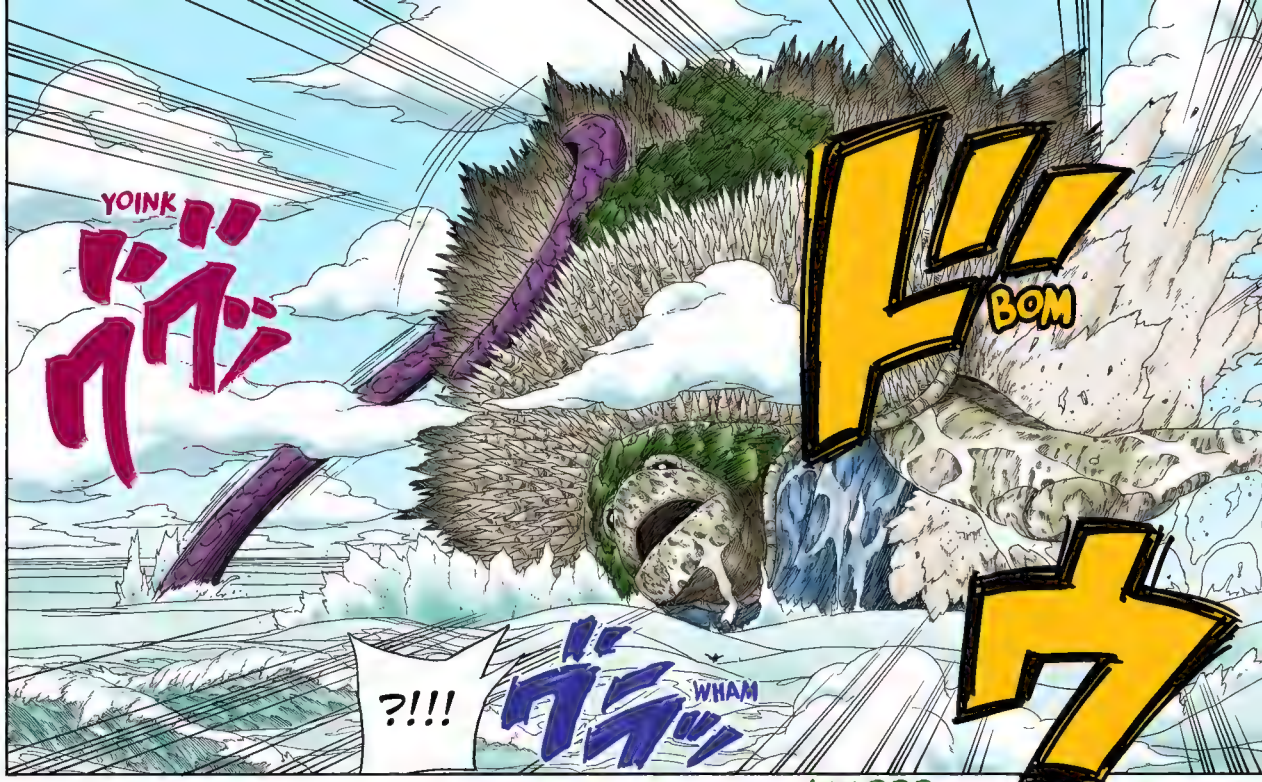
THE HEAVENS AND EARTH REALLY DID TRADE PLACES! FOOL, YA FOOL!
OWW! THAT WAS A SERIOUS EARTH-QUAKE!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?!!!
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WHAM

WHIRRR
グルルン
HE FLIPPED OVER. HE CAN'T MOVE!
SPLOOOSH...
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...!

P-PLEASE CALM DOWN, MASTER YAMATO...!

SOMETHING DEFINITELY HAPPENED OUTSIDE... BUT IN HERE, WE MUST KEEP PRETENDING IT WAS AN EARTHQUAKE, PLEASE!

THIS IS NO TIME TO BE DOING AN ECOLOGICAL SURVEY!!

...BUT MALE IS STILL MALE...

THE WORLD MIGHT FLIP OVER...

FSH

TA-DAA

...

WE MUST SOMEHOW HANDLE IT OURSELVES!

LOOK, HE WAS MALE, AFTER ALL!

WE CANNOT LET THOSE TWO GO OUTSIDE...!

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VERY WELL.

I WILL FIGHT THOSE THREE.

I OWE THEM NOTHING LESS.

KABUTO, YOU GO LOOK FOR EIGHT TAILS AND NINE TAILS, *HMM?*

TMP

THE GEEZER'S SNAPPED.

UH-OH...!

!

DEIDARA, YOU DO REMEMBER, DON'T YOU?

WHOOSH

MY POWER !

FWP

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WHEEEN

!!

カブトの目論見(もくろみ)!!

SHOOM

THIS LOOKS BAD...

AW, THIS IS GETTING EVEN WORSE! PARTICLE STYLE?! HMM?!

YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY!!

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?!!

AKATSUCHI?!! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?

SSSH

WHAP

WHOOSH

BOF

NOW!

BAH!! SO WHAT!! IT'S JUST A BIG ROCK, AFTER ALL!!

IF YOU UNLEASH THAT HERE, YOU'LL DESTROY TURTLE ISLAND!!

YEEAAGH!

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KLOP

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KABOOM

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G-G- G...

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THAT WAS AKA-TSUCHI'S GOLEM!

STILL ATTACHED TO TSUCHI-KAGE'S HIP, EH! ANNOYING, HMMM?!

GOT TO GET HIM AWAY FROM THE ISLAND!

KLATTER

KLATTER

KLATTER

THAT SNAKE!!

WHOOSH

RAWR !!

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BRRR
BRRR
HE PRETENDS TO MERELY BE OROCHI-MARU'S SPINDLY LACKEY!!
SO HE IS THE ONE MANUPULAT-ING THE SNAKE!
SO THEN... HOW DO WE GET IN?
NARUTO'S INSIDE THAT TURTLE, EH...
!
ZING
...
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THAT WAS JUST AN ILLUSION. NOTHING ACTUALLY FLIPPED.

TOO MANY, I SAY!

AND SINCE WHEN DOES A LITTLE EARTHQUAKE PROBLEM FLIP THE WHOLE WORLD OVER?

FOR REAL? ...

INDEED.

QUITE A LOT OF E-EARTH-WAKES TODAY, EH...

GAH! WHAT'S HAPPENING OUTSIDE?!

THIS MISSION IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY! ONLY YOU CAN PERFORM THIS PARTICULAR TASK!

A SHINOBI MUST FULLY COMPLETE EVERY MISSION!

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE, NARUTO!

GRRR

NO...! YOU NEED TO CONTINUE YOUR VITAL S-RANKED MISSION!

JUST A PEEK!

LEMME SEE OUTSIDE!!

NARUTO'S NOT A COMPLETE IDIOT. HE MUST SUSPECT.

WE TOLD HIM THIS IS AN S-RANKED MISSION, YET ALL HE'S REALLY DOING IS SEEING IF IT'S A BOY OR A GIRL.

EVEN NARUTO CAN TELL SOMETHING'S WRONG.

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PHEW! WE CAN KEEP GOING! I'M GLAD HE'S DENSE!

I'LL FOCUS ON THE MISSION!!

ALL RIGHT! GOTCHA!

WAP

...!

YOU'RE SLOW!!

FWP

FWP

TAK

SHOOO

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熔遁・石灰窟の術!!

LAVA STYLE! QUICK-LIME JUTSU!!

SHOOOBOF

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THERE SHOULD BE FIVE HUMANS!

THERE!

TMP

FMP

TMP

!!

THERE YOU ARE.

FSH

AOBA TOO, EH...

PERFECT! TAKE ME TO NARUTO.

YOU'RE TSUCHI-KAGE'S GRAND-DAUGTER ...!

HAVING SAID THAT...

WIP

WIP

DON'T JUST POP OUT OF NOWHERE!

WE CAN TAKE CARE OF THEM OURSELVES JUST FINE!!

I'LL SWEEP HIM YOUR WAY, SO CATCH HIM!!

POOF

KIAI

WE MEET AGAIN, YAMATO.

SSH...

SNAKES! THAT VOICE!

YOU'RE...

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WATER STYLE! WATER TRUMPET!!

SPLAT

TAK

NICE!!

GOTCHA!

I TOLD YOU GUYS TO CATCH HIM, BUT...

HEH

SPLOOSH..

SPLICH

GAH! HE SAW IT COMING!

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FOOL!

MY QUICKSLIME SOLIDIFIES FAST!

WATER SPREADS IT AND HELPS IT BOND!

NOW YOU CAN'T MOVE!!

?

?

THIS IS...

I SEE...

...

SPLAT

SPLAT

SPLAT

SPLAT

SQUILCH

MOTOI, AOBA! DON'T STEP IN THE WATER!

I'LL GO EXTRACT INTEL FROM HIM!

GOOD!

NOW YOU'RE OURS!

AND THAT'S INSURANCE!

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YOU'VE ALWAYS PREFERRED SNEAKING AROUND AND FIGHTING FROM A DISTANCE! I NEVER LIKED THAT ABOUT YOU!

BAH, YOU'RE EVEN FASTER NOW THAN WHEN YOU WERE IN YOUR PRIME, OLD MAN!

I'LL FINISH HIM OFF WITH C4, HMM!!

SHUT UP!!

THEY'RE SO FAST I CAN'T KEEP UP...!

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YOU OUGHT TO WORRY MORE ABOUT NOT FALLING OFF.

KABUTO. HOW YOU'VE FALLEN.

YOU'RE LOOKING MORE AND MORE LIKE OROCHI-MARU.

FOCUS, AOBA!

ZWUP

WAH!

SPLICE

UNH

HE CAN EVEN SHED HIS SKIN?!

ZWOOO

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SLAM

GULP

THANKS FOR REVEALING THE DETAILS OF YOUR JUTSU, KUROTSUCHI. IT HELPED LULL YOU ALL OFF YOUR GUARD.

WAAAAA

GET BACK, MOTOI!!

ZWW

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TAK

GAH!!!

THMP

YAMATO!!

THD

?!!

WHOOOOOOOOSH

WE'LL SEE WHICH IS THE GREATER ART, YOUR PARTICLE STYLE OR MY EXPLOSION STYLE...

DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME, OLD MAN!!

FWP

THIS OUGHT TO BE FAR UP ENOUGH!!

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?!!

SWOOOO...

?!!

WHAT?!
NOT NOW!!
HMMM?!

ガコン
KLOMP

SHOOM

SLITHER

BOOF

...?!

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ZWP

BAH! HE HID INSIDE THE NOSTRIL!!

BOOOF

UGH!

ZWSH

NINE TAILS' GUARDIAN, THE WOOD STYLE USER YAMATO, HAS BEEN CAPTURED.

HE ESCAPED !!

I CAN'T MOVE!! !!

WIP

DEIDARA RAN OFF. YOU GOING TOO?!

NOT EVEN A DIRECTION. IT'S USELESS.

I CAN'T SENSE HIM ANYMORE.

WHICH WAY DID HE GO?!

PLEASE HELP ME!! I'VE GOT TO GO AFTER HIM!!

SQUISH...

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MASTER YAMATO IS NOT THAT EASILY BROKEN, SIR!!

SSH

..BUT EITHER WAY, WE'LL HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT AN INTEL LEAK!

OWW

KRAK

IT'S HARD TO TELL WHETHER HE WAS LOOKING FOR ANY HOSTAGE TO INTERROGATE OR WANTED THAT WOOD STYLE USER IN PARTICULAR...

HE DIDN'T GO AFTER NINE TAILS AND EIGHT TAILS...

WAFT

NO MATTER HOW STRONG YAMATO'S WILL, IT'S NO MATCH.

HE'S UP AGAINST MADARA, HE OF THE POWERFUL OCULAR JUTSU.

THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE.

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UGH!

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THD

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...

AFTER CAPTURING HIM, I ELECTED NOT TO TAKE FURTHER RISKS AND CHOSE THE MOST EXPEDIENT OPTION FOR YOU.

I CAN USE HIM TO MAKE THE ZETSU ARMY A LOT STRONGER.

I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S THE SOUVEENIR I ASKED FOR?

NO. IT'S NOT. BUT THIS ONE IS NINE TAILS' GUARDIAN AND ALSO POSSESSES CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.

THIS LEFT EYE OF MINE IS ITCHING FOR BATTLE.

THEN HURRY UP AND DO IT.

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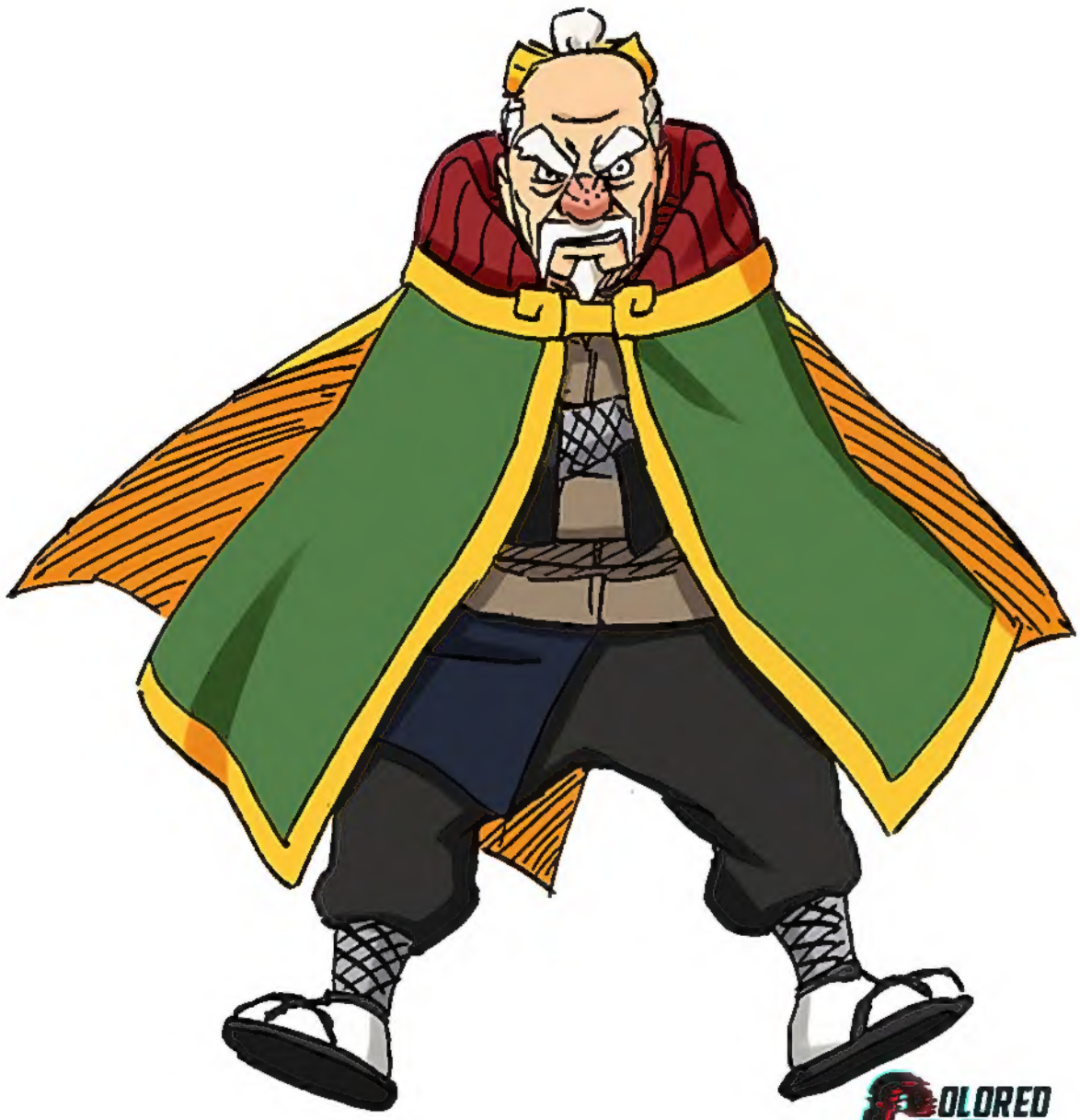
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